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What  
did you  
expect?

NELSON HIGGENBOTTOM







Dee,  
It has been  
great knowing  
you. SPAS TIC!  
Well, see you  
next year as a  
junior!

Jewelpa,  
Angela  
Robinson

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Dee,  
A nice guy  
slur enjoyed  
talking to in gym.  
Have a nice summer.  
Tracy Adkins

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RHHS  
The Best! Love you  
to I'm glad  
you're a sweet person  
take care & party healthy!

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Dee,  
It's been nice  
knowing you for  
the past 2 years,  
stay sweet,  
Sonya

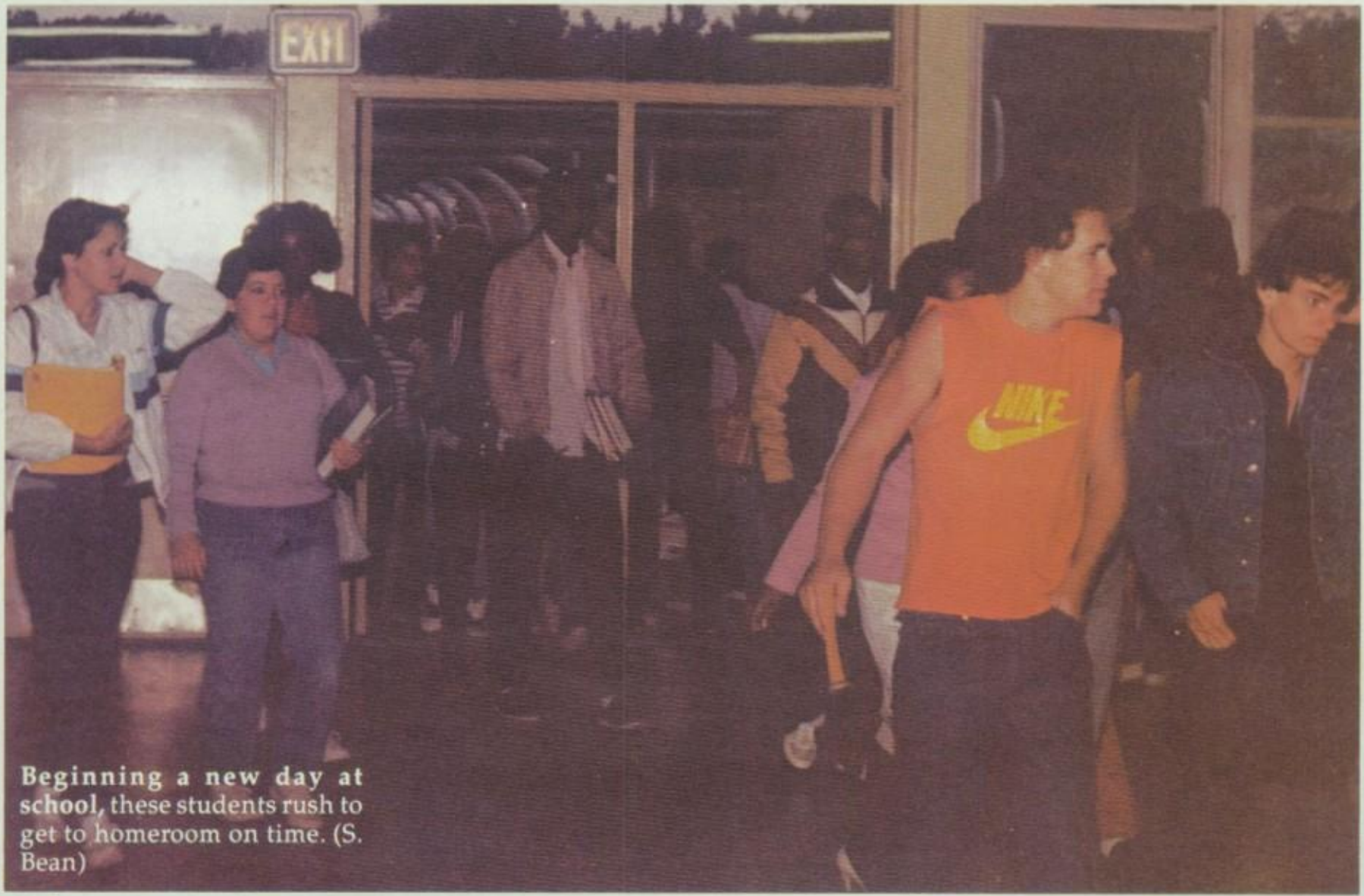
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Beginning a new day at school, these students rush to get to homeroom on time. (S. Bean)

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# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

Well, what did you expect as you returned to school on August 27, 1984? This was Ragsdale's twenty-fifth anniversary, there were new teachers to meet and new students to get to know. There were ball games to play, races to run, and tests to take. An air of excitement filled the halls as students filed in on the first day of school.

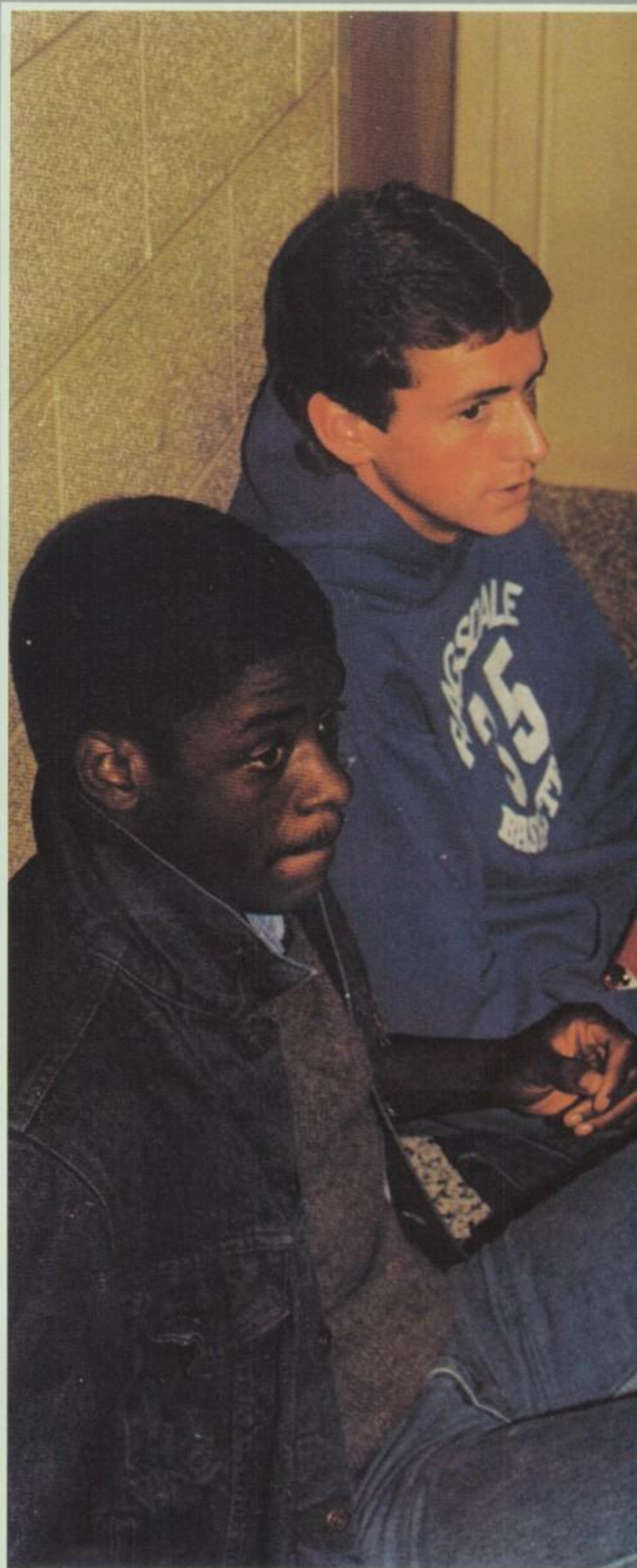
As the first week of school progressed, some spirits were temporarily dampened by scheduling

problems and readjustment to an early morning schedule. According to Amy Farlow, "I had to switch Home Economics for Adult Roles because I had two fourth period classes." But, most students remained in a state of anticipation and dealt with these minor troubles. It was all a part of starting back to school.

At the first football game, no one knew quite what to expect. In the past, we had a winning

**Wiping pie off his face,** Coach Cline participates at a pep rally. (K. Baynes)

**During lunch,** Eric Hayes and a friend watch what is going on across the hall. (S. Bean)



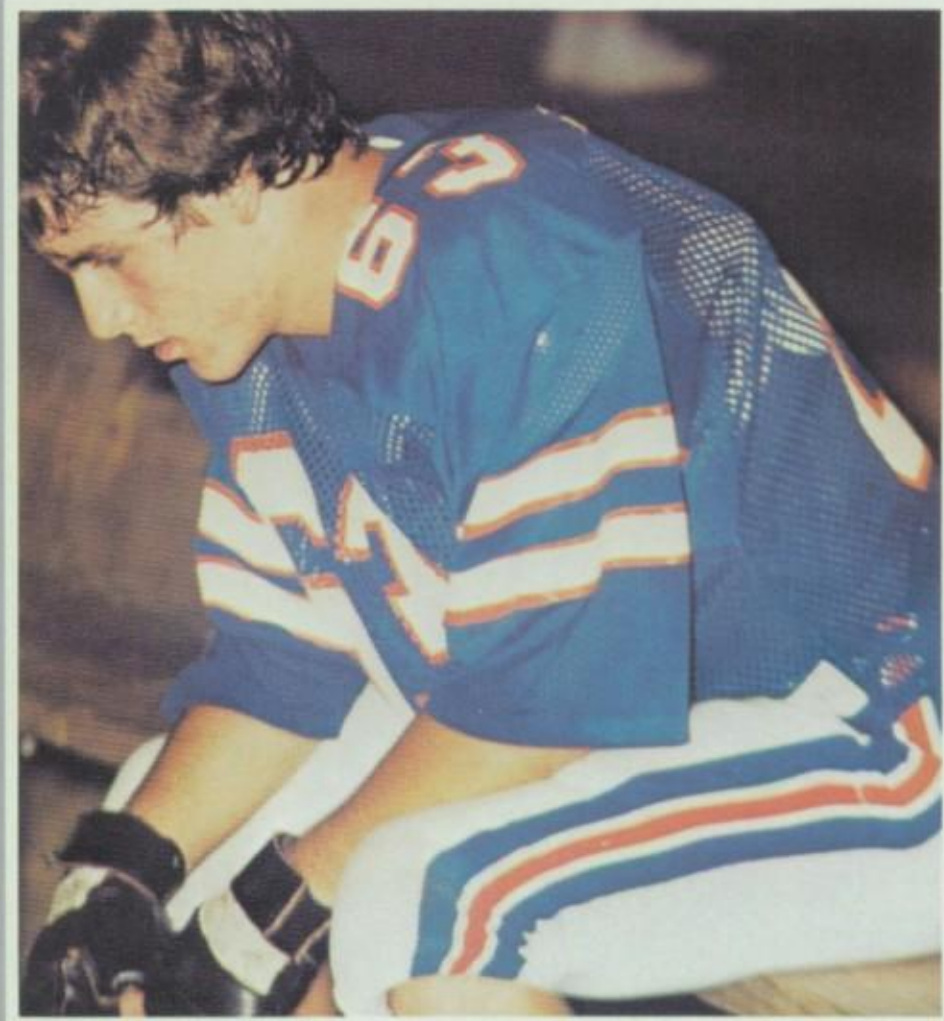


To be looked up to as a senior." Susan Dolejs

"To meet new people and make new friends." David Durham

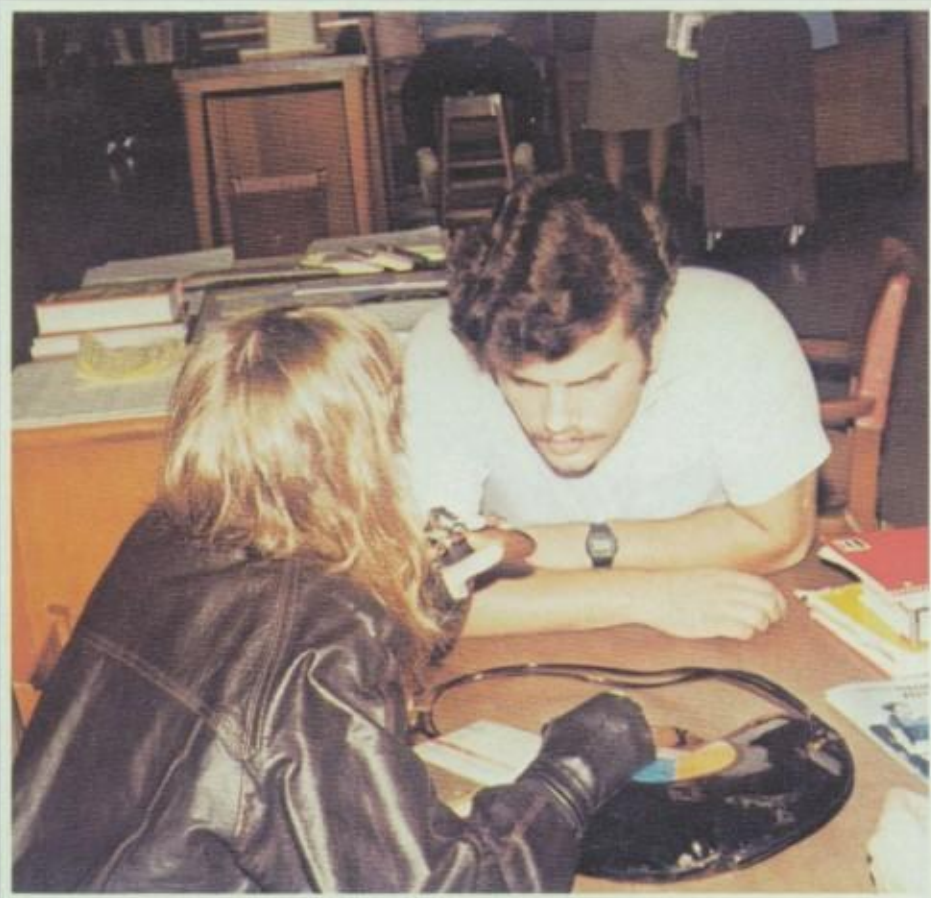
"To do better in my classes." Nancy Petty

"My classes to be harder and more homework." Scott Mann



A football player, Wayne Gibson, asks for the students' support at the game. (M. Hodgins)

Sitting on the sidelines, Scott Constantini reviews the play in his mind. (M. Hodgins)



In the library, Brad Caldwell studies the pattern in Sherri Mullis' necklace. (K. Baynes)



# What Did You Expect?

team. Would the tradition continue? Even though we did not win as many games as in the past, students still came out to cheer the team on.

Each student returned to school with different dreams and promises to accomplish during the coming year. Enthusiasm and anticipation overflowed the building. It was a year of expecting and doing our best. It was also a year of reflection. No one could ignore the fact that it was our twen-

ty-fifth year. Realizing this, we remembered our heritage and were determined to make the next twenty-five years even better.

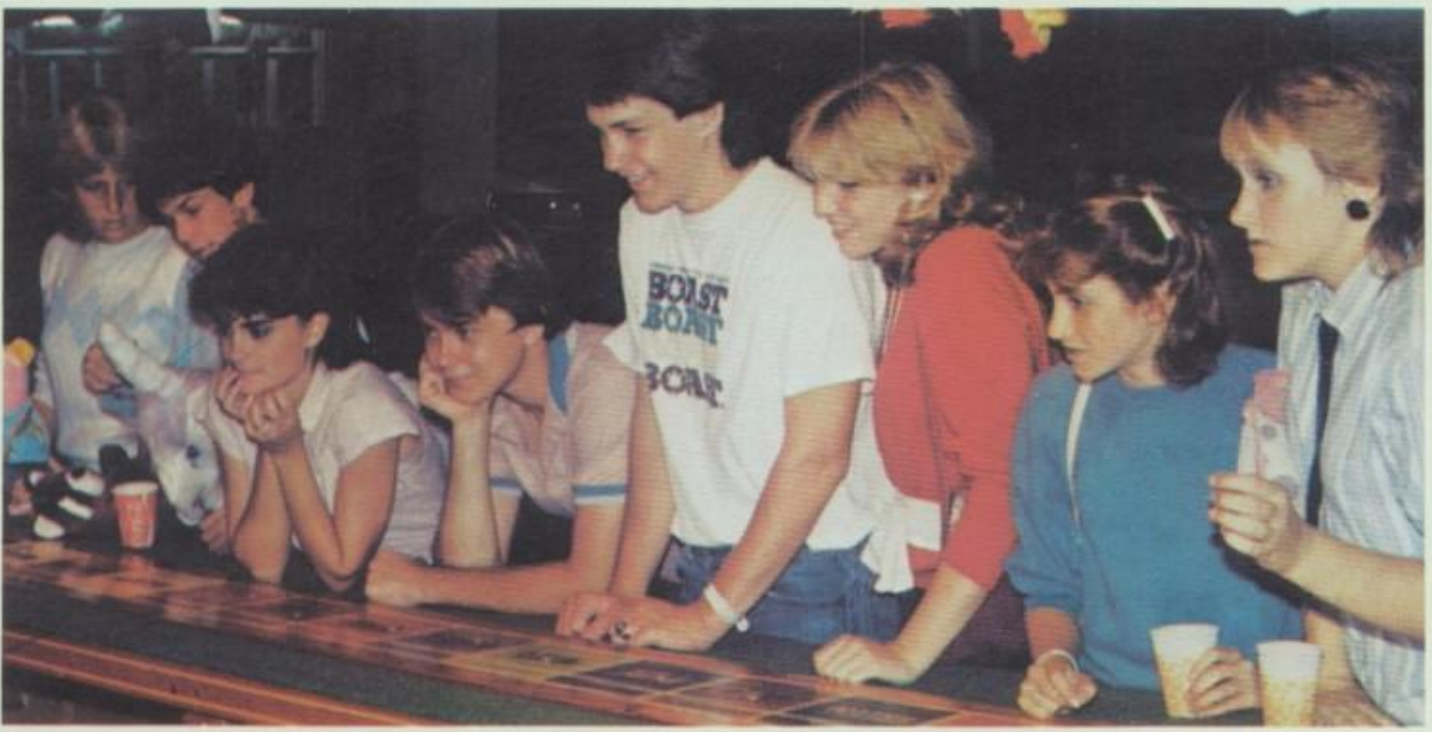
Indeed, it was our twenty-fifth year. It was a year of excitement, but also frustration; it was a year of friendships, but also of disappointments; it was a year of pride and belief in our school and in ourselves. It was a great year, because we made it that way. But, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

**Drum major, Shelley Dennis,** talks with Mr. Auman. (S. Bean)

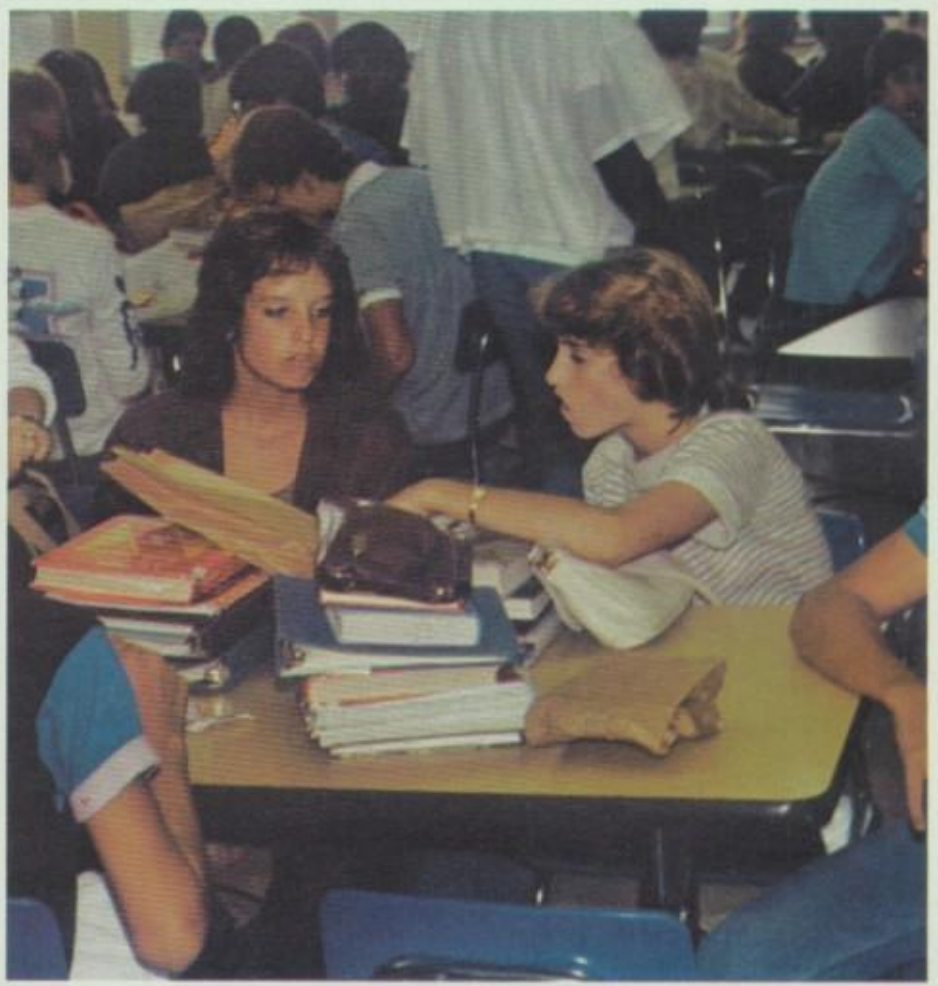
**In class, Karen Wise** pays close attention. (S. Bean)







These band members enjoy a game at Guilford County's Agricultural Fair. The band performs here each year. (K. Baynes)

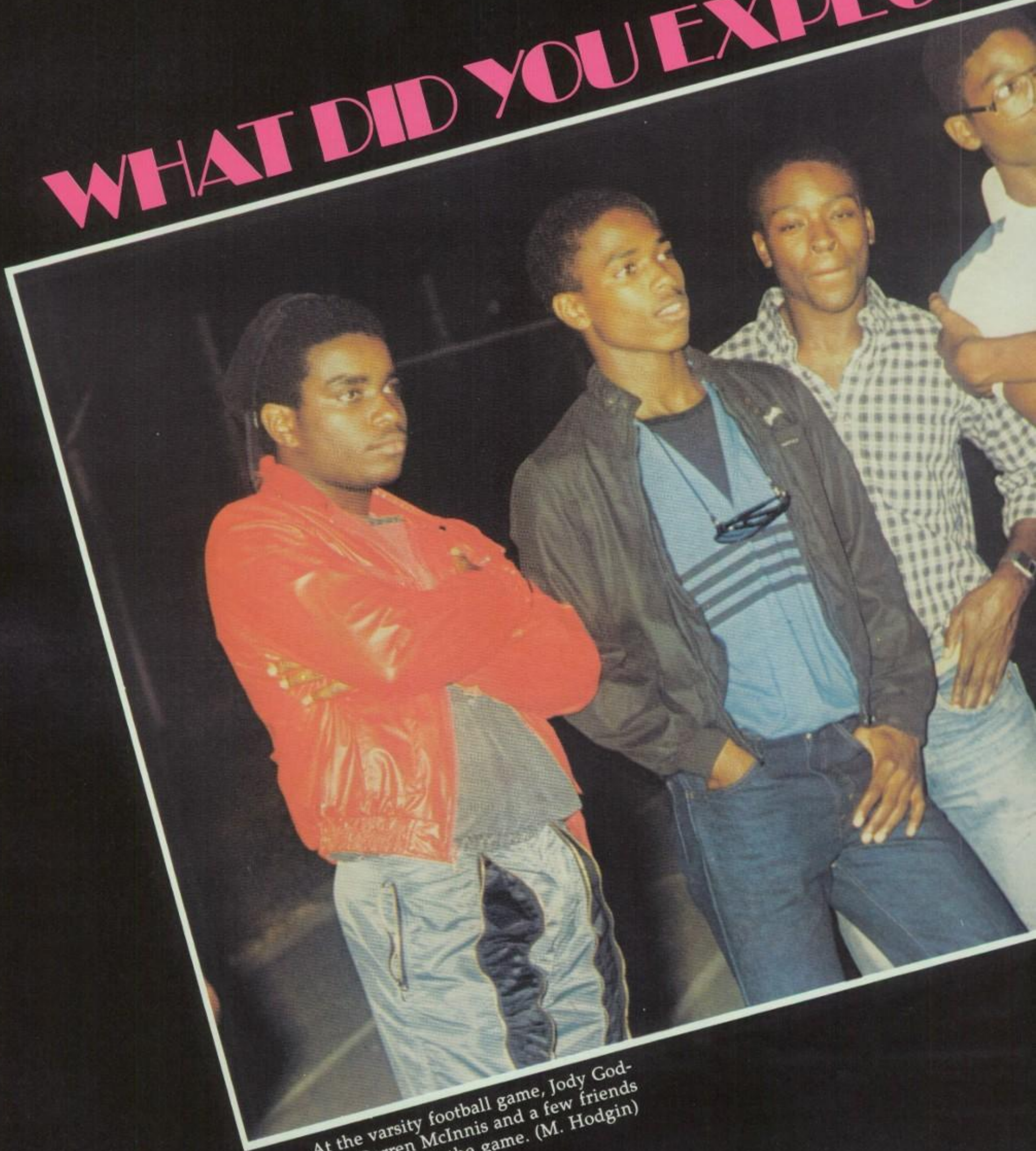


Getting help from Laura Houseworth, Mandy Deck tries to understand her homework. (K. Baynes)

Not taking time for lunch, Jennifer Doss eats in her classroom. Many students do this in order to have time to catch up on homework. (M. Hodgin)



# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?



At the varsity football game, Jody Godbolt, Darren McInnis and a few friends intently watch the game. (M. Hodgin)





# Student Life

Constant academic and social pressure. Books. Homework. In short, some of the most basic expectations of high school life. They were balanced, however, and made almost bearable by the knowledge that there would also be football games, parties, dances, and endless numbers of other distractions from the drudgery.

But what did you expect? Though the courses, the friends, the fads change, high school student life and expectations remain pretty much the same. Certainly each year is unique to the different classes, but there are the basics: work and play.

Student life during the year was comprised of combinations of the two: SAT tests and concerts, exams and parties, research papers and teacher workdays. Part-time jobs mixed and often clashed with full time academics, while band competitions and athletics practice ate up large portions of other students' time. However, the academic pressures were perhaps the most expected and the most continuous throughout the year.

Student life was an often unbalanced combination of work and play. . . but then, what did you expect?



"I really expected it to be more fun than my sophomore year was, because I'd be more 'upper class' as a Junior. But I know there'll be more pressure for good grades since your Junior record is so important for college." — Michelle Apple

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# Summer Excitement

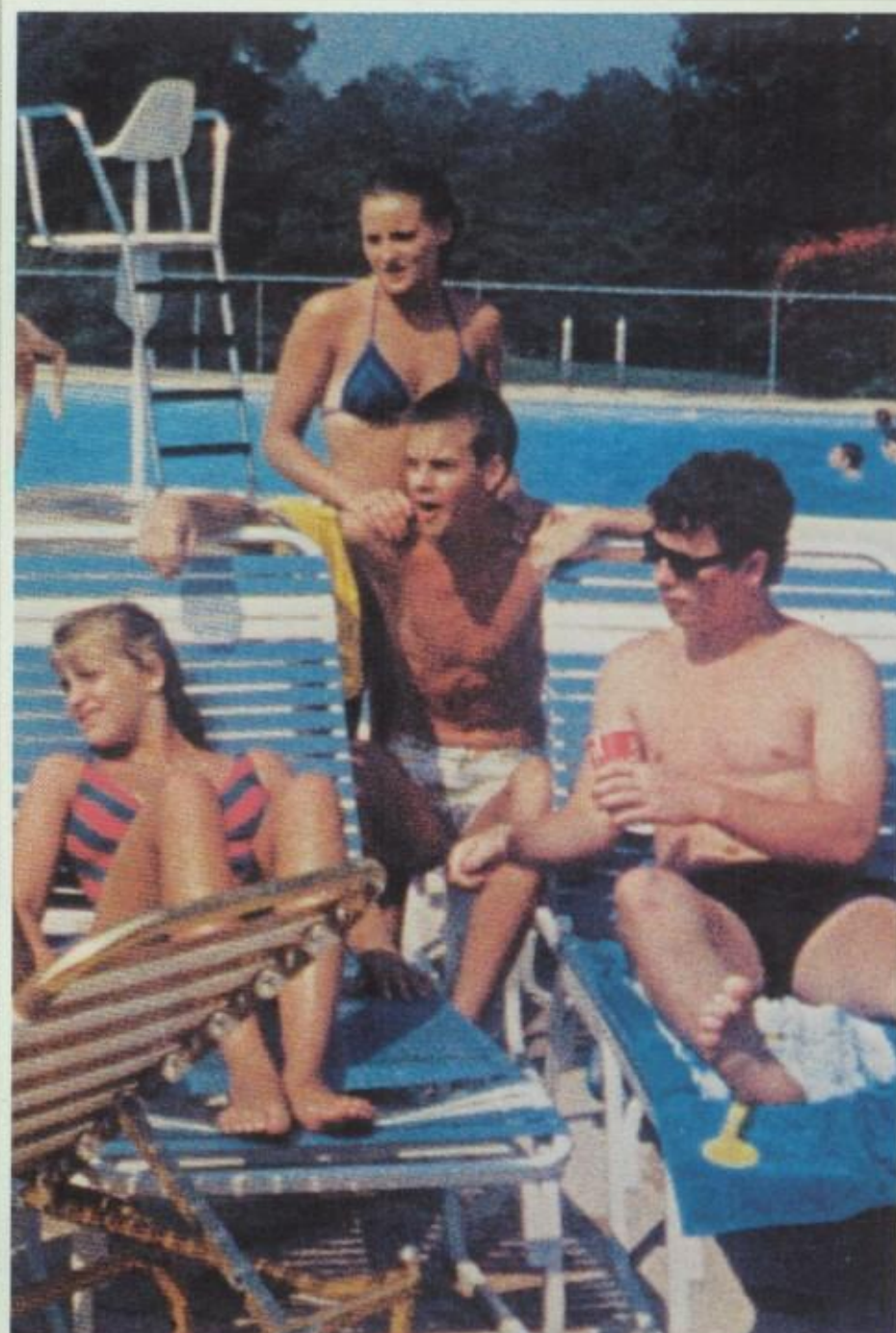
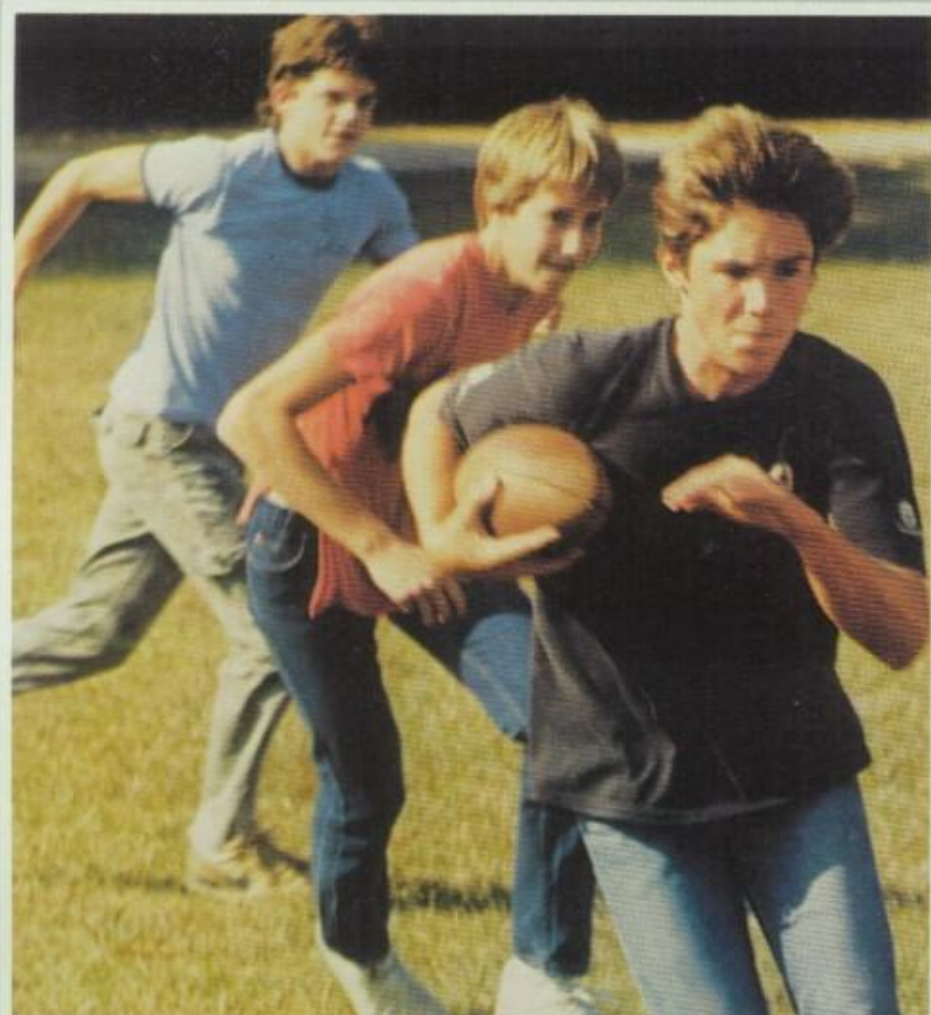
Walking through the halls at 2:40 could signify the end of almost any day, but running down hallways adding your old papers to the thousands of sheets that already lay ankle-deep on the floor could mean only one thing: Summer had arrived!

For some fortunate students, as soon as the last bell rang, they were beach bound. These people were able to spend the summer at their favorite vacation spots. The most popular of these was Myrtle Beach. Students often saved their allowances for weeks for the chance to go to the beach. Whether swimming, skiing, sailing, or just

"catching some rays" these people were able to escape the tedious life the school year had given them. Finally, they were able to relax and relieve the tension of the past nine months.

Most students, however, spent most of their summer at home. They spent many of their days relaxing at the pool or getting together with friends. Nighttime meant extended curfews, and therefore more parties. As one student said, "Every night is like the weekend. My parents let me get away with a lot more than I could during the school year."

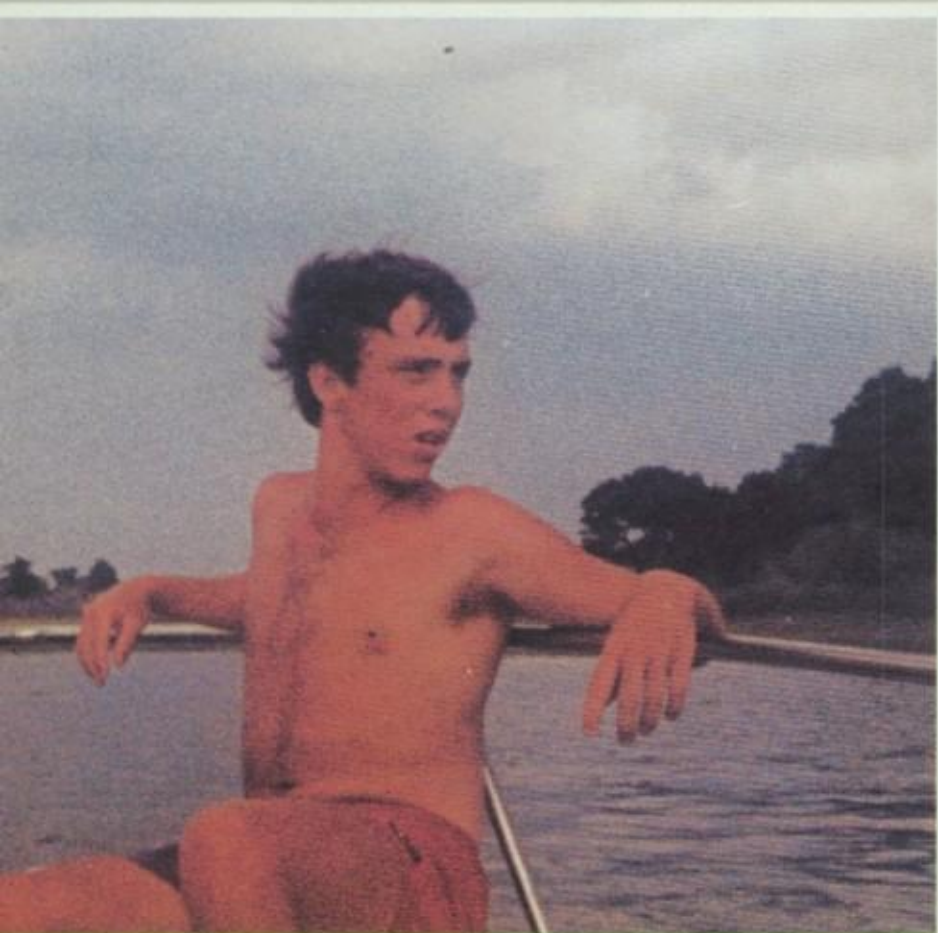
For the most part, summer gave students a well-deserved rest from school; and, better yet, summer provided EXCITEMENT!



Trying to make the winning touchdown, Billy McKee eludes would-be tacklers Kevin Frost and Ron White. (M. Hodgins)

Relaxing at the pool proves to be a popular pastime for Misty McCall, Melissa Trone, Richard Miller, and Mike Long. (E. Flynn)





Waiting for their turn to ski, Derek Holland and Charlie Wray pass the time by relaxing on the water. (M. Trone)



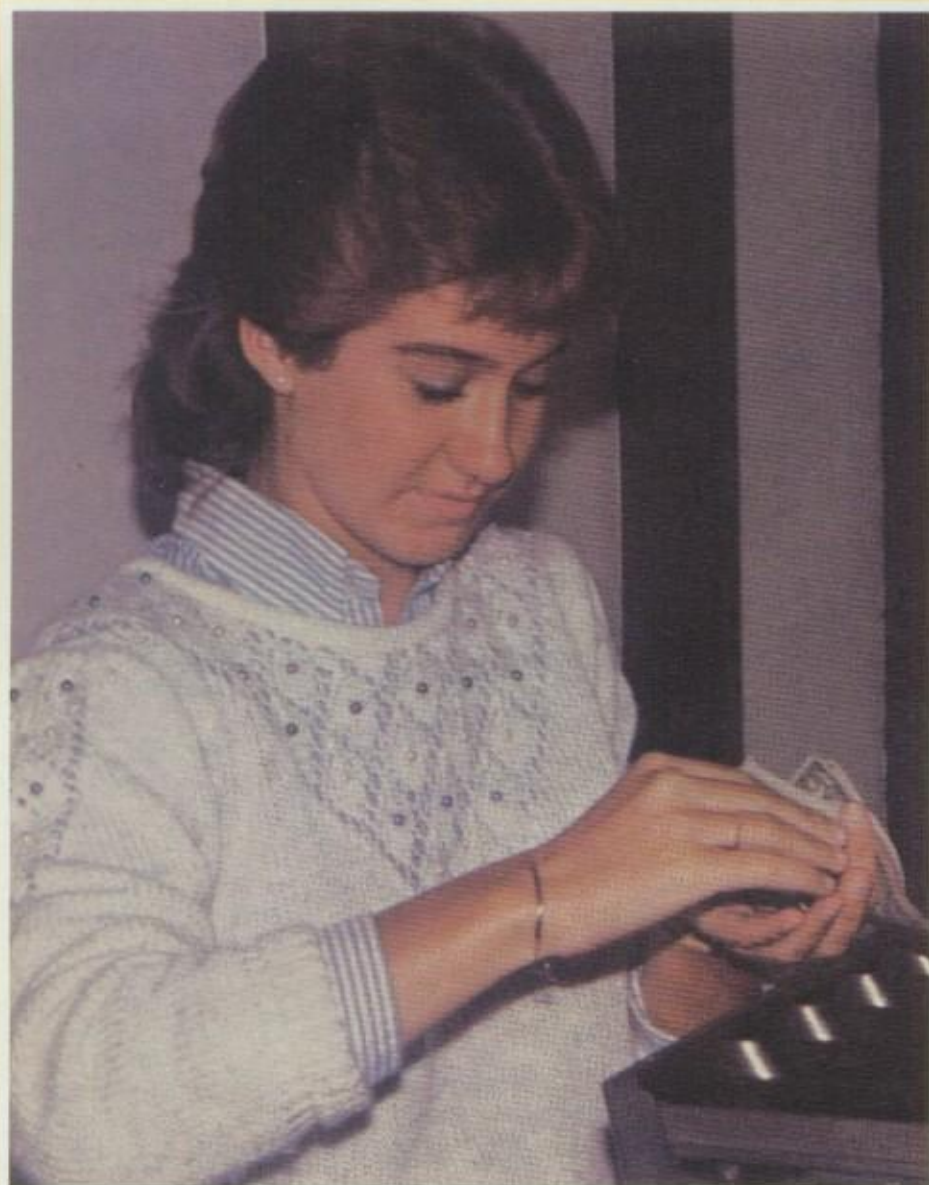
These students spend a leisurely afternoon at High Point City Lake during a Day In the Park. (T. Hole)



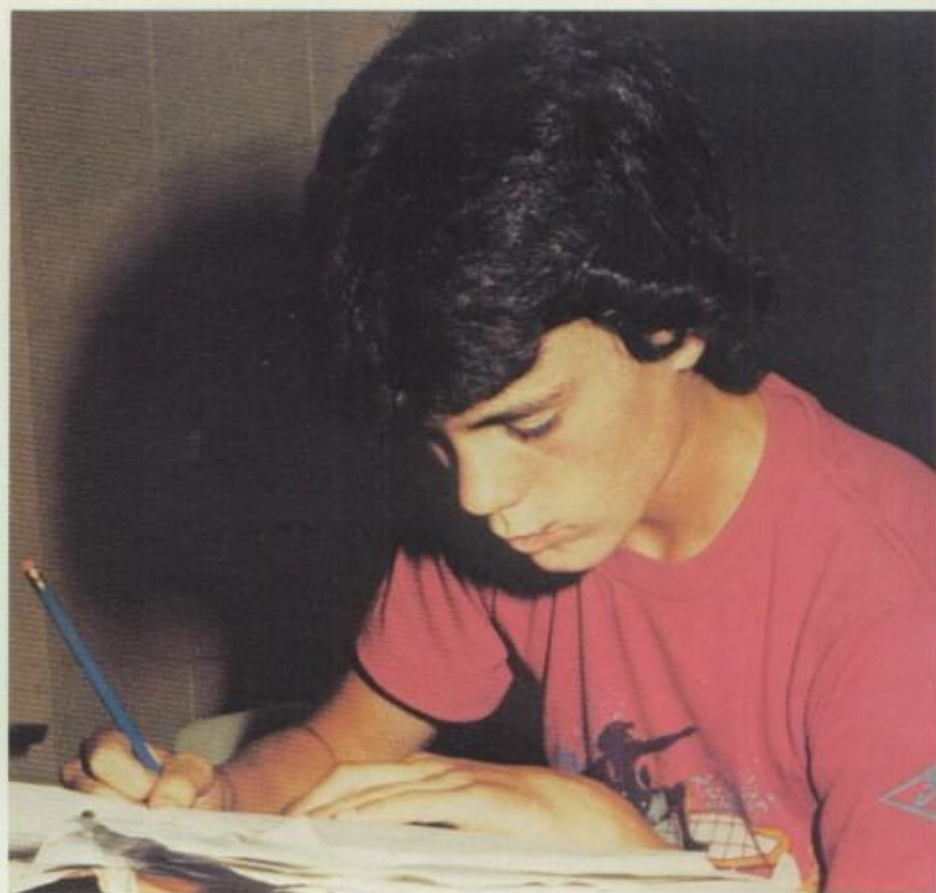
Trying to avoid Ashley Stone's splash, Melissa Dewey, Laura Campbell and Sharon Horner enjoy a day by the pool. (M. Hodgins)



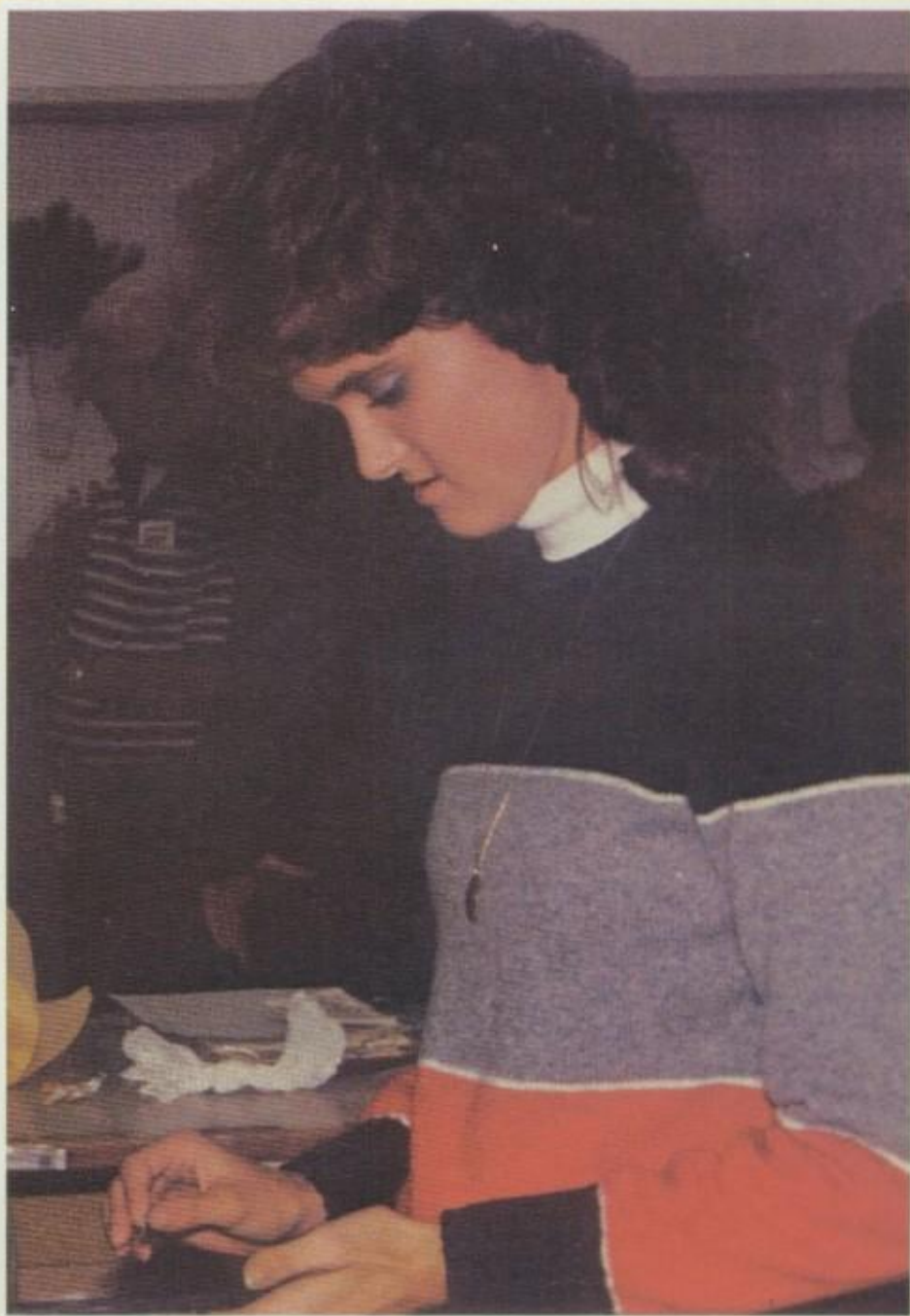
Keeping an eye on the register Lorri Kiser counts out change at Steve's Cleaners. (K. Baynes)



Working for extra credits, John Threatt studies hard in summer school. (M. Hodgin)



Long hours and much hard work at camp help to improve the band's performance. (S. Bean)



Working behind the counter does not seem to be Nancy Catoe's favorite part of her job at Dollar Stores. (K. Baynes)

Taking a break from cheerleading camp, Jill Deck, Melissa Trone, Jennifer Corn, and Vanessa Perez find that pom poms can be used for more than cheering. (M. Hodgin)



# Missing the Summer **Excitement**

Most summer excitement cost DEARLY, and money for it was obtained by working in part-time jobs. Places such as grocery stores, fast food restaurants, and even swimming pools hired students for summer help.

"It was a dirty job," joked Michael Seigal about working at Guilford-Jamestown Veterinary

Hospital, but, like many other students, he continued to work because he needed the money.

Some students' hard work went without monetary reward. Instead, they were given moments of glory and recognition in exchange for their sweat. Members of the football team, the cheerleading squad, and the

band spent many hard hours at various camps over the summer.

Not all summer work involved money or sweat. Long tedious hours spent in air-conditioned classrooms was one option taken by some students. Those who wished to get ahead in credits or make up those

missed during the year endured the long hours and missed out on much of the summer's daytime activities.

As some students already knew summer was not all fun and games because many unfortunates missed the summer **EXCITEMENT**.





# Togetherness = Spirit

"Seniors do it better!" "We are seniors!" "We are juniors!" The class competition was always the signal that the students had come together for another assembly. Whether it was pep rallies, prom, concerts or any other gathering that could prove social, the students were there. Spring was packed with events worth losing one's voice over.

The PowderPuff pep rally as well as the game were two occasions where unity was the key to winning the spirit meg.

Rock for CARE, a benefit for CARE, proved to be a terrific facsimile of a rock concert which also gave some school bands a chance to show their musical talents.

The prom, although not an event for spirit, gave all a chance

to show the other side of the students' enthusiasm. Tuxes were donned, and evening gowns were flaunted. The time to be formal and have a great evening was upon us proving that the two could be combined into one and still memorable.

Yet the highlight was soon to come, and it came sooner than most people expected.

Graduation brought a closing to the high school years of the seniors. Good-byes were said, yet those gatherings were not forgotten.

All in all, the year proved to be a terrific time for education, as well as social gatherings to promote school spirit. At Ragsdale TOGETHERNESS = SPIRIT!

Class competition abounds as the classes cheer for themselves and the football team. (K. Baynes)





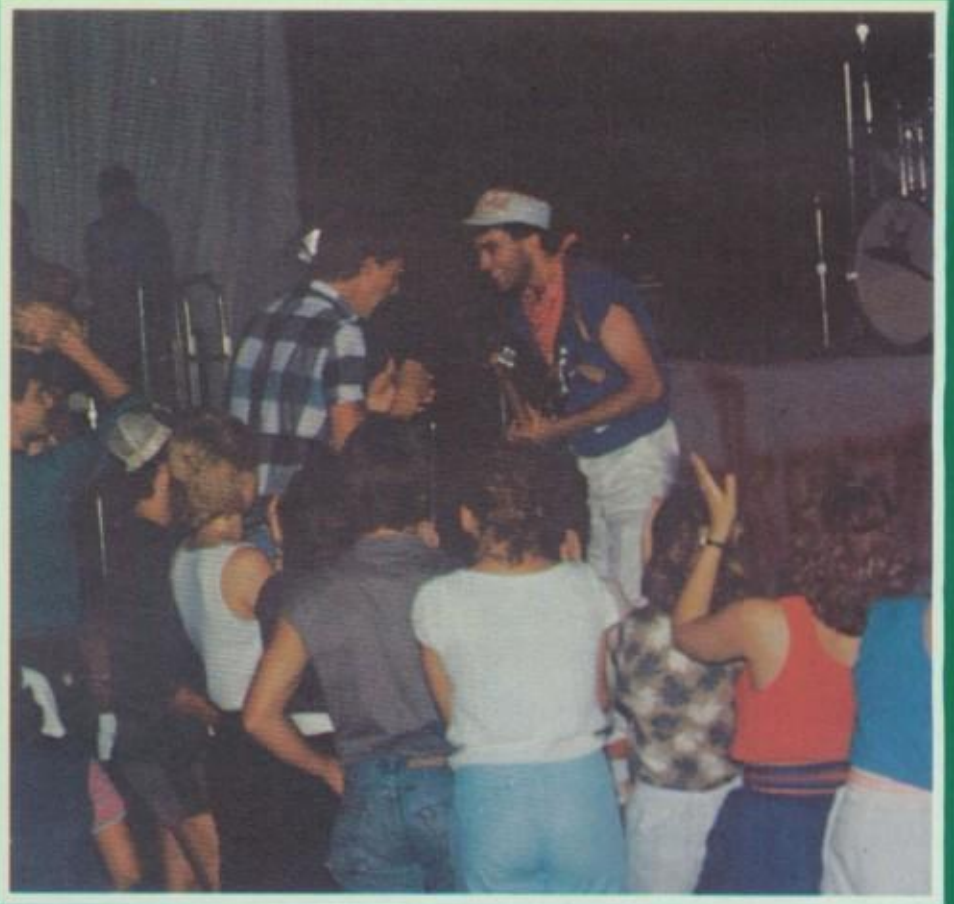
Preparing for the Powder Puff game, Dawn Dennis and Becky Johnson practice their plays. (S. Bean)



Looking lovingly into each others eyes, Wendy Laughlin and her date dance at the prom. (W. Boswell)



Before the beginning of graduation ceremonies, the seniors wait patiently. (M. Hodgin)



Rock band Iskape shows its musical talent as the crowd cheers them on. (K. Baynes)



# Stars of Tomorrow

What did the saying "practice makes perfect" mean for many students this year? For some, this phrase meant more hard work in hopes of mastering their special talents.

Dancing was a popular hobby that many girls enjoyed. Amy Barnes, Amy Foster, and Tammy Hudson all worked hard to improve their dancing skills.

Some students participated in activities that allowed for in-school practice. Elizabeth Gardner and Julia Frost improved their drama skills through classwork and participation in the mime team, B\*R\*E\*W. Elizabeth Gardner stated, "When you put on a white face, you can be whoever you want to be."

"Practice makes Perfect," as Lorri Kiser and Todd Misenheimer prove during band practice. (K. Baynes)

Another form of an in-school activity was band. Todd Misenheimer and Lori Kiser showed the benefits of hard work by playing the melody bells in the band. "I've always wanted to play the bells," replied Lori Kiser. Joell Bell, Ragsdale's feature twirler, worked hard during school to improve her techniques.

Several people enjoyed hobbies where the rewards were beautiful trophies and ribbons. Showing horses and performing gymnastics gave Jennifer Baker and Alison Nipp a good chance to prove their talents to others. Other students just took pride in seeing the beauty of their work. Karen Wise and Charissa Wong were two art students who enjoyed improving their artistic abilities.





Singing in her church seems to be a way for Cheri Martin to express her musical abilities. (T. Hole)

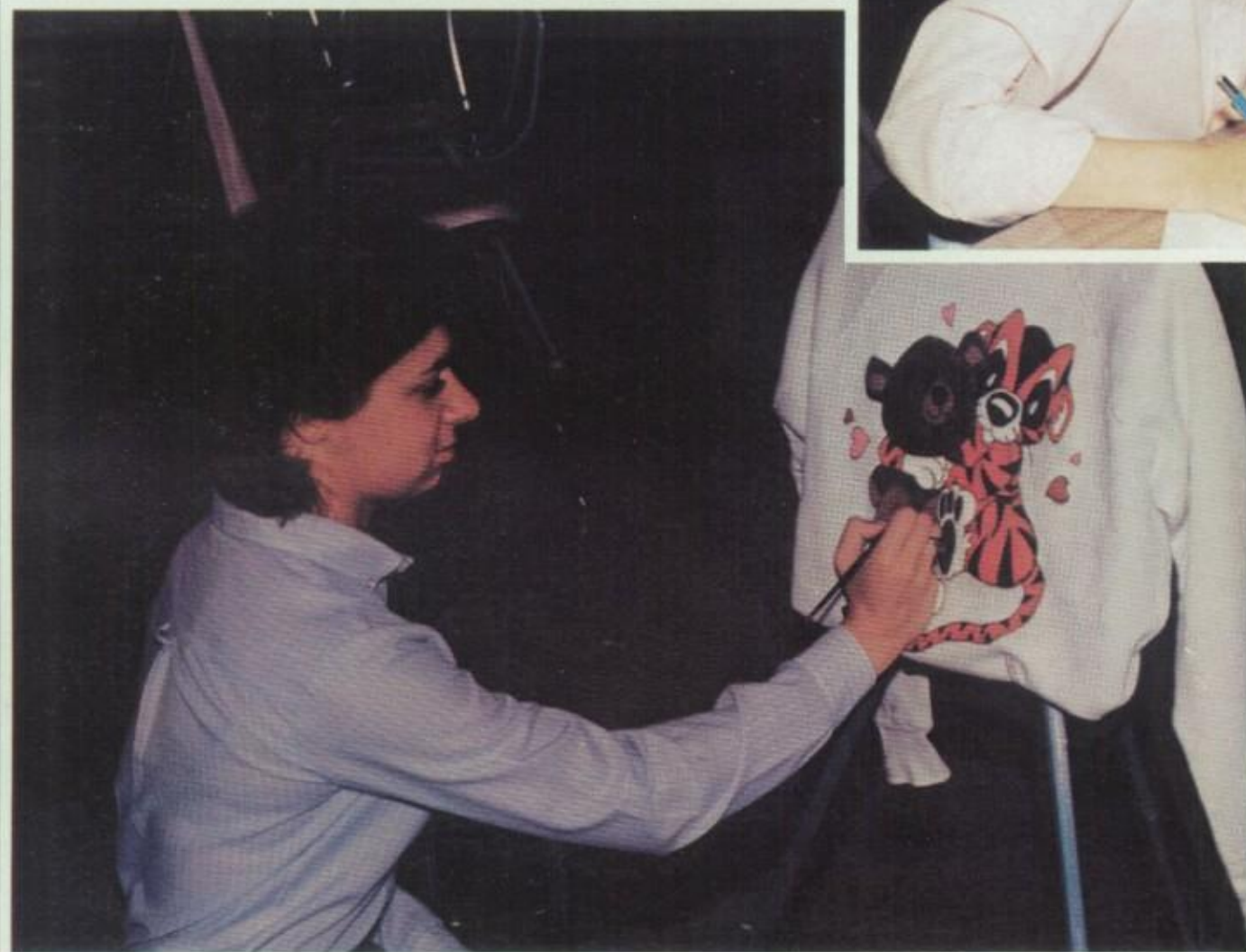


What's that look of a professional model? Angela Shore must know as she poses for the camera.



Cautiously outlining her drawing, Charisa Wong hopes to improve her sketch. (K. Baynes)

Working hard on her art project, Karen Wise paints a creative design on a sweatshirt. (K. Baynes)



## Stars

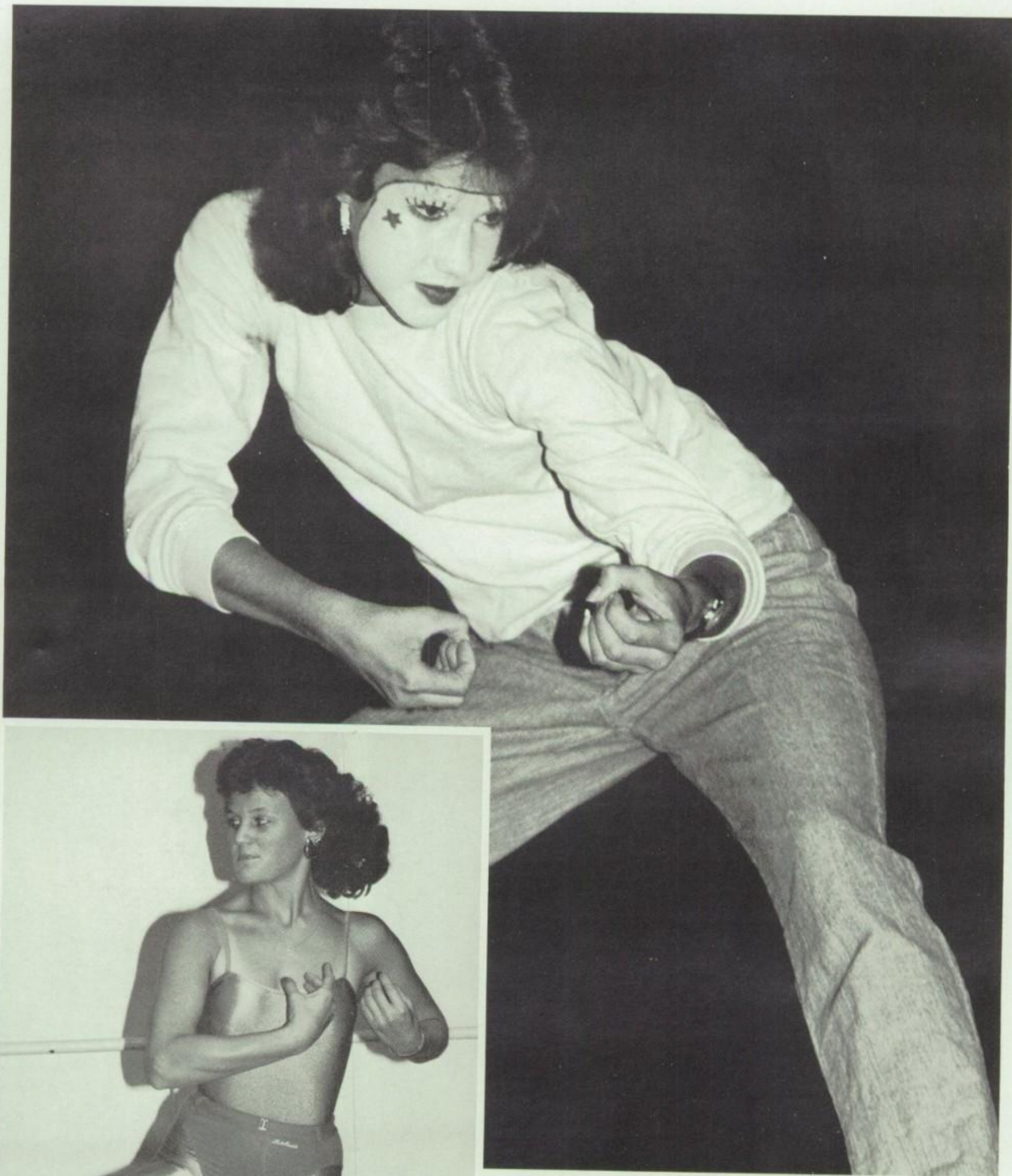
Singing, an activity enjoyed by many people, took on a more serious nature for Cheri Martin who sings in her church choir. "I've been singing since I was five years old, and I love it!" she exclaimed.

Students' hard work was rewarded with both beautiful awards and prizes, as well as the pride in the work they had done. The special talents of these students proved that they might just be the STARS OF TOMORROW!

Jumping her horse Cavalier, Jennifer Baker shows how years of hard work have paid off. (K. Baynes)







Pulling an imaginary rope proves to be an example of Elizabeth Gardner's mime skills. (M. Hodgin)

Trying to perform a difficult ballet move, Amy Foster displays her dancing expertise. (M. Hodgin)





Talking with several members of his team, new soccer coach Danny Beam discusses strategy. (S. Bean)

Giving instructions for study, Ms. Beck writes the information on the overhead projector. (M.Hodgin)



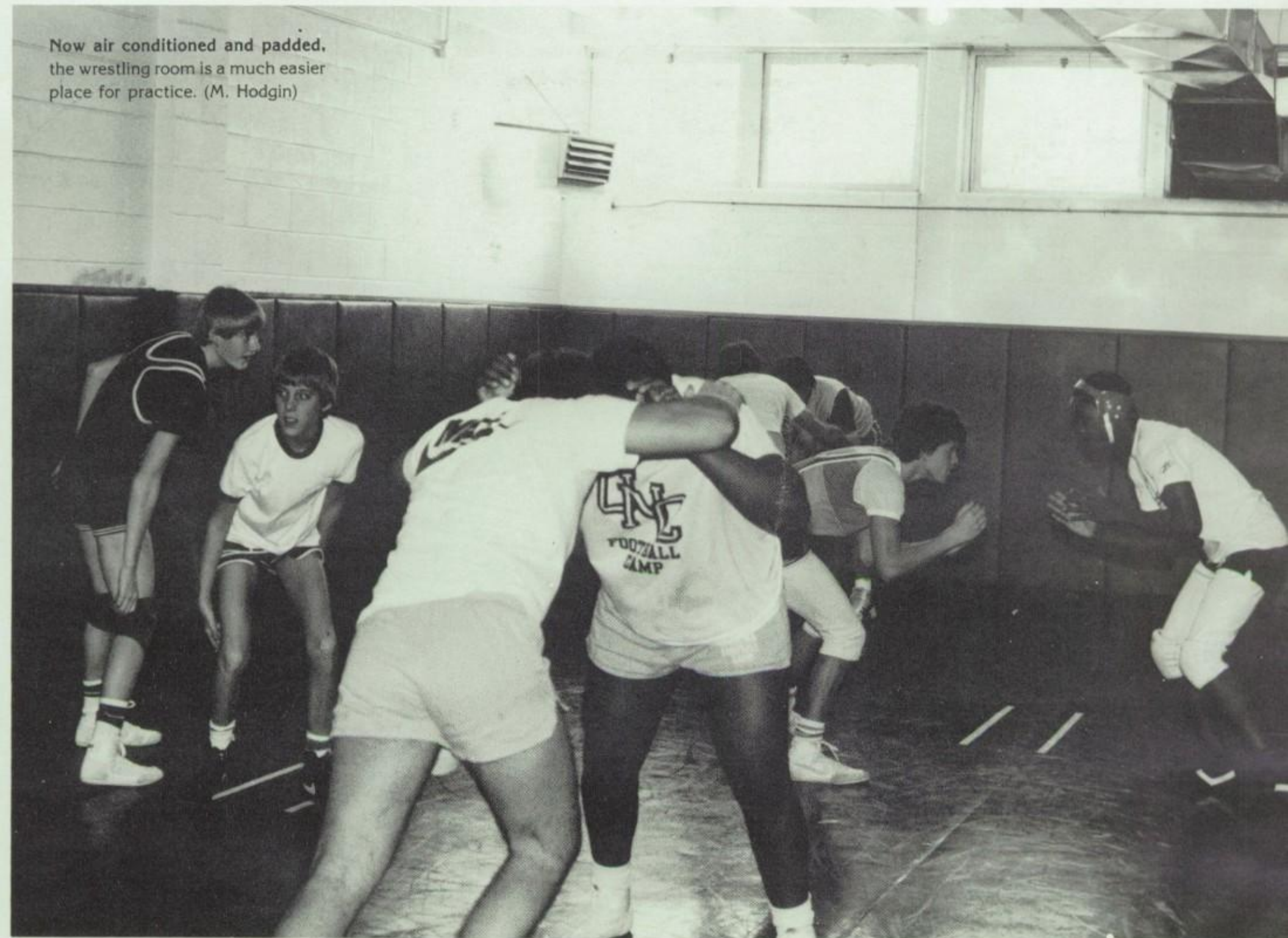
Three new teachers: Mrs. Kiem, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Whitley, become acquainted with a student in the hall. (M. Hodgin).

New to RHS this year, Sophomore Jennifer Walker awaits the set. (T. Hole)





Now air conditioned and padded, the wrestling room is a much easier place for practice. (M. Hodgins)



"I thought, 'This is going to be interesting . . .'. I used to teach at Western and, well, a reputation had preceded you." Ms. Audrey Owens, the new ICT teacher was pleased to find that Ragsdale was not a run down school run by country kids who didn't care

about school and did what they wanted, when they wanted," despite the Western students' defamation. Indeed, she found the students to be "much more friendly; less stratified and stand-offish." She revealed that that made "teaching here much easier," because of better teacher-student relations. It's a well disciplined school, too, although Ms. Owens was surprised at a lenient lunch time process. Getting involved already by coaching the girls basketball team, she summed up simply, "I like it here."

a reception held for new students, the new and the old mingle and become acquainted. (M. Hodgins).

## TRANSFUSION!

The sweat rolled off his brow into his eyes. He squinted and strained even harder to give that last push — No! With a weight room like an inferno, something had to give. The new air conditioning system in the downstairs sports rooms helped to make the athletes' lives a little easier. In addition to the air conditioning the sports department also had the wrestling room renovated with permanent mats placed along the walls and floor. But there were new touches all over the school, from the recently-formed, district acclaimed soccer team

and coach, to the new club, teachers and students.

The Outing Club was formed for those students who enjoyed roughing it; skiing, backpacking, rafting, etc. but needed the opportunity and transportation to do it.

Several teachers were new at RHS, as well. Ms. Freeman, who taught typing, Ms. Teer who taught English, and Ms. Kiem, who taught chemistry.

Most importantly, though, there were the new students, the lifeblood of a school. The school received a . . . TRANSFUSION!



Readying his bus for the road, Pat Quick removes the wheel stopper. (M. Hodgin)



"Mrs. Henry came into our class and asked for volunteers. I decided just to take the class," said Corina Dunn about how she began the job of a bus driver. She had no idea that she would soon be taking on the responsibility of a bus load of kids.

Corina, as with many other bus drivers, came across difficulties while driving the bus. For example, "I had a guy pull a knife on me. An adult decided he wanted a ride to school, and I told him he couldn't. So he pulled out a knife, and I let him ride."

Not all bus drivers, howev-



er, had this much trouble, and Corina said she would advise other students to try driving a bus because, "There's good money, and you get to meet a lot of people."





Anxious to get the students home, the buses drive quickly, but safely, away from school. (M. Hodgin)

Listening to Mrs. Henry's explanation, Tommy Johnson finds out what his route is. (M. Hodgin).



## Driving Crazy

A broom, pushed down a dirtied aisle, swept away the trash left by a multitude of students each day.

Not only did the bus drivers have to keep their buses clean, but they also had to be prompt. The students that were entrusted in their care could not be tardy for school, nor would the students want to be late getting home.

The bus drivers also had a report that had to be turned in at the end of every twenty days. In order to do this, the bus driver had to know the students who rode their bus and how often.

Neither the hours nor the work of the bus drivers was the greatest, but most of the bus drivers would have agreed that their job was well worth their time.



**Bus Drivers** — Top Row: Daren Nunn, Charlie Williams, Terry Oliver, Bill Shaw, David Martin, Richie Pearson, Second Row: Mark Schadt, Kim Perdue, Frank Rosenski, Roy Bivens, Mitch Cook, Steven Anderson, Third Row: Kelly Mackie, Wayne Gibson, Jeff Stephenson, Pat Quick, Fourth Row: Philip Aydelette, Nick Hopman, Kenny Brackett, Julie Mitchell, Robin Adams, Tricia Pierce, David Boyd, Lloyd Winslow. (M. Hodgin).



**Waiting for the signal to go,** Julie Mitchell rests at the steering wheel. (M. Hodgin)





The president of the Junioresettes, Amy Bryant, has been an important part of the club throughout the year. She once stated, "Being President of Junioresettes is a very hard job and I enjoy doing it."

When asked why she enjoyed being a member of the club, Amy replied that it gave her a challenge. "I feel good knowing that I'm serving my community and school," she stated. Amy Bryant also explained that her duties were "calling meetings and organizing all projects and committees as well as working with the presidents of other clubs for the better of the school." Amy added: "I'm going to hate giving my office up next year, but I will help the new president in any way possible."

## Spirited Aid

As several of Ragsdale's female student gathered in Mrs. Freeman's room on Wednesday afternoons, one may have wondered what was going on. The answer, of course, was that the Junioresettes were meeting to discuss one of several of their community service projects! Some of the projects included sponsoring a needy family during Thanksgiving and helping the American Cancer Society wrap Christmas presents.

In addition to participating in

various charity projects, the Junioresettes were also active during Homecoming Week. The Junioresettes helped to raise school spirit by selling spirit links and suckers during lunch. The members also helped their fellow students by operating the school store daily. Without the hard work of the Junioresettes, students wouldn't have been able to obtain much needed school supplies. In these ways, the Junioresettes provided their spirited aid throughout the year.



**Working in the school store.** Brooke Talbert and Kim Rice show how they can help others. (M. Hodgin)

**Adding food to the Thanksgiving box.** Yvonne Barber and Terrie McGinn help the Junioresettes to provide food for a needy family. (M. Hodgin)







**Wrapping Christmas presents at Westchester Mall, Krista Elliot, Tonya Quick, and Sun Hee Song work hard to raise money for the Cancer Society. (M. Hodgin)**



**Front Row:** Sun Hee Song, Amy Bryant, Michelle Jones, Elizabeth Gardner, Mrs. Freeman. **Second Row:** Monica McCall, Lori Bryant, Sharon Chapel, Tonya Quick, Suzanne Hill, Mary Hill, Renee Dillon, Barbara Henrikson, Megan Buffey. **Third Row:** Lenore Watson, Donna West, Susan Dolejs, Robin Mabe, Sherry Kirkman, Krista Elliot, Lori King, Shelley Yergler, Jennifer Jessup, Kim Haithcock. **Fourth Row:** Shelley Dennis, Amy Farlow, Tammy Hudson, Rolona Brown, Jenny Stevens, Cynthia Trone, Joell Bell, Pam Dulaney, Dawn Dennis. **Fifth Row:** Janet Ingle, Kathryn Johnston, Kim Ricketts, Theresa Tate, Donna Andrews, Kim Fremman, Meghan Long, Vannessa Perez, Misty McCall, Laurie Shmidt, Maria Batista. **Sixth Row:** Chanda Hall, Christy Pearce, Kim Rice, Traci Cruthis, Patricia Pierce, Lynne Miller, Kamie Hall, Sharon Horner, Lori King. (K. Baynes)



Careful in their routine, Julie Mitchell and Elizabeth Gardner show their poise. (T. Hole)



Though many friends were made during practice and there were many good times, the preparations were hard work. Susan Dolejs, who got involved in the pageant at her friends' suggestion, told of the time involved. "For nearly months we met every

Wednesday night for about 2 hours. But as the competition date got closer, the numbers of practices and the time we spent increased!" Also, nearly every girl practiced on her own, usually with a dance instructor to help choreograph and critique. "I worked with Ray Hollingsworth. He was a lot of help and very encouraging." Overall, it was "a great experience . . ." Susan reflected.

During her talent part of the show, Kim Ricketts sings "Ease on Down." (T. Hole)



## Talent, Poise, and Grace

The rain fell, both inside and out. The rain and the tears from proud parents accompanied the music and dance on stage as the 1985 High Point Junior Miss Pageant proceeded in the Southwest Guilford High School auditorium.

On November 10, 1984, the results of many weeks of sweat, strain, giggles, broken bones, and lost voices were seen on stage. The 23 contestants, including 19 from Ragsdale, competed for scholarship money, makeup collections, and a modeling portfolio, among other prizes.

The competition was judged on several factors: scholastic achievement, physical fitness, poise and appearance, and each contestant was also interviewed privately. There was also a talent section to the pageant, and many contestants danced, sang, or played the piano. Several, though, showed some different talent. Elizabeth Gardner showed the audiences and the judges a sample of a film she produced for the Weaver Center, for example. "I loved it!" Liz Rivera reflected. "It was a lot of hard work, but it was fun, too. It was a great

chance to polish and display your talents."

Amy Barnes was named the 1985 High Point Junior Miss, while Tammy Hudson and Susan Dolejs were named first and second runners-up. Other contestants from RHS, several of whom won other prizes, included: Lorri Kiser, Kim Ricketts, Kim Spencer, Pam Maready, Sabrina Barts, Hope Pruden, Janet Ingle, Julie Mitchell, Amy Farlow, Vanessa Perez, Sherri Mullis, Donna Andrews, Robin Mabe, and Kelli Dennis.

During one of her many practices, Vanessa Perez concentrates on the routine. (M. Hodgins)







As part of a between-events entertainment troupe, Cindy Hendren performs a jazz number. (T. Hole.)

With a look of joy, Amy Barnes rushes forward as she is announced the 1985 High Point Junior Miss. (T. Hole)



Showing grace and poise, Kim Spencer, Tammy Hudson, Sabrina Barts, Janet Ingle, and Elizabeth Gardner perform for the judges. (T. Hole)



Receiving the award for scholastic achievement, Janet Ingle is congratulated by Dr. Priddy, Superintendent for the Guilford County School system. (T. Hole)





**Student Congress officers —**  
**Front Row:** Secretary, Mary Ann Ward; Treasurer, Mellissa Trone  
**Back Row:** President, Sterling Gilreath; Vice-President, Edwin Flynn.  
 (M. Hodgin)



**F**or Sterling Gilreath, activities such as the band, yearbook staff, and news team were only secondary compared to the responsibility of being Student Congress President.

When asked why he wanted to be the president, Sterling replied, "I have been in Student Congress for 3 years; I thought being president would be a good experience."

The duties of the president included representing the school at special functions and maintaining good student/faculty relations. What advice would Sterling leave for next year's president? "Don't get bogged down with work, budget your time, and KEEP IN TOUCH with the students."



Discussing some suggestions, these Student Congress members try to decide on some Christmas activities. (J. Ingle)

**Student Congress — First Row:** Sterling Gilreath **Second Row:** Tammy Epting, Delynn Corn, Ellen Belk, Andee Huber, Mary Ann Ward, Richard Moore **Third Row:** Michelle Gleason, Courtenay Shaw, Misty Peoples, Lee Catoe, Nicole McCormick **Fourth Row:** Chris Dovel, Allen Hewett, Edwin Flynn, Eric Hayes, Rence Oliphant. (J. Ingle)





# In Touch

“Lights cameras, action . . . Will the meeting please come to order.” Recognize these two sayings? For members of the T. V. News Team and Student Congress, these phrases “got the ball rolling” whenever the groups met this year. Both of these organizations were service groups that helped make the year more fun and more organized for the students.

Operating since 1981, the T.

V. News Team was able to provide many students with the opportunity to catch up on the latest activities. Spending a lot of time on preparation, the announcers not only had to practice giving the news but also had to present specials on new and interesting topics. Although past experience was not a requirement, the members of the technical crew had to have an interest in television techni-

cal production as well as be responsible students.

Student Congress was the only group whose main function was to come up with enjoyable activities for the students. The members were elected to represent and carry out the students' ideas, a feat which required more time than just one hour a week in meetings.

Developing, planning, and then carrying out these activities took a lot of time, commitment, and responsibility on the part of the representatives.

Commenting on Student Congress' activities this year, Sterling Gilreath replied, “We helped coordinate Homecoming, the powder puff football game, a second ‘Rock for Care’, sponsoring a family at Thanksgiving, a raffle to help fight hunger in Ethiopia, and Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus portraits.”

With both dedication and effort, the Student Congress and the T.V. News Team worked hard to make the school year more interesting for all students.

Preparing for the morning news, Lisa Baker and Sherri Kirkman organize the announcements. (M. Hodgin)



T. V. News Team — Front Row: Chuck Kesler, Sterling Gilreath, Lisa Baker, Sherri Kirkman, Allen Hewett Back row: Chris Bowen, Jeff Priddy, Gary Forbis, Greg Turner, Michael Martine, Mark Schadt. (M. Hodgin)



# Live, in Concert

The lights went out! The coliseum was plunged into darkness. Immediately, the cheering started and cigarette lighters were lit giving the appearance of a starry night. This scene was familiar to all of many concerts that came to the Greensboro Coliseum. Yes, after being incognito for a number of years, started the influx of stars with the promotion of their new album, **90125**. They performed the hits "It Can Happen To You" and "Owner of a Lonely Heart."

Continuing the concert rash, Rod Stewart toured with the releases of his new album, **Camouflage**. Rod performed his new songs "Some Guys Have All the Luck" and "Infatuation."

The talents of newcomers to rock-stardom, Ratt, along with

the old-time favorite, Billy Squire performed their albums "Out of the Cellar" and "Signs of Life."

In response to his block-buster movie "Purple Rain" coupled with the soundtrack from the movie, Prince made his appearance in the triad with his latest discovery, Sheila E.

Although hearing the records and seeing the videos were good mediums for entertainment, most students were ready for live performances, which was what they received, pop-rock at its best, **LIVE AND IN CONCERT!**



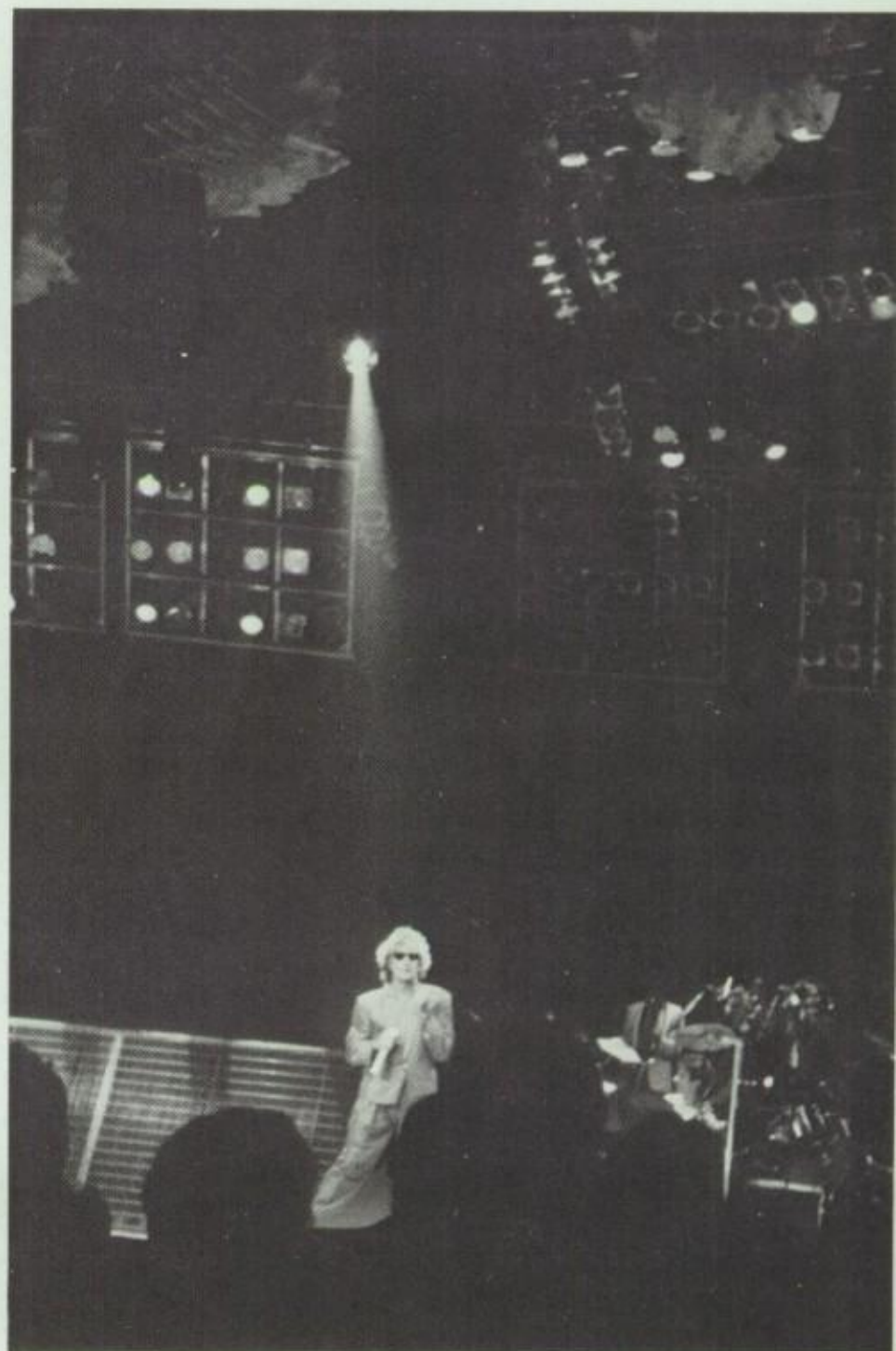
How did you get backstage to see Rod Stewart? "I talked to the stage manager before the concert. It was unreal." Laurie Shmidt



Making their debut after almost three years, Yes performed a fantastic concert. (M. Hodgins)



Raising his arm in triumph, Steve Pearcy of Ratt revels in success. (K. Baynes)



Encompassed by a spectacular light show, Rod Stewart makes his appearance on stage. (D. Searcy)

"Purple Rain" album cover Dist. by Warner Bros. 1984





What moment of the Billy Squire concert did you most enjoy?  
"When he tore off his shirt."  
Meghan Buffy (M. Hodge)





## Making Life Easier

“Miss Rimmer, I want my schedule changed.” “Mrs. Garner, do I need a note to get back into class?” “I’ll have two pieces of pizza, two french fries, and a piece of cake.” Statements like these made by students kept the guidance counselors, attendance office, and cafeteria staff busy every day of the year. However, no matter what the task might have been, these people saw that it was carried through.

The guidance counselors had to be ready for any sudden surprise that might arise. During the first nine weeks, the guidance counselors were faced with many students wanting a schedule change. Although it was difficult, the guidance counselors managed to satisfy most of these students. After the first nine weeks ended, the guidance counselor’s jobs seemed to become more complicated. Keeping the files of over one thousand students up to date would be a full time job for anyone else, but the guidance counselors also had to help students or faculty members with any conflict they might have.

The workers in the attendance office, too, had many duties to perform, including sending teachers absentee lists daily. Also, the attendance office was where one went to get an early dismissal or an absence excused. When a student was sick, he or she went to the attendance office to call a parent to come and pick him or her up. All of these activities kept the attendance office busy for most of the day.

Although the cafeteria was not consistently the busiest place in the school, one could not argue that when fourth period came, it was the most crowded room in the school. In that one time period, hundreds of students passed through the lunch lines and sat, ate, and talked in the cafeteria. During this period, the cafeteria was congested with people, trays, food, and more people. However, the cafeteria staff was able to keep everything in control and running smoothly.

These three groups of people strived to make Ragsdale a better place for the students, and, because of their efforts, they accomplished their goal.

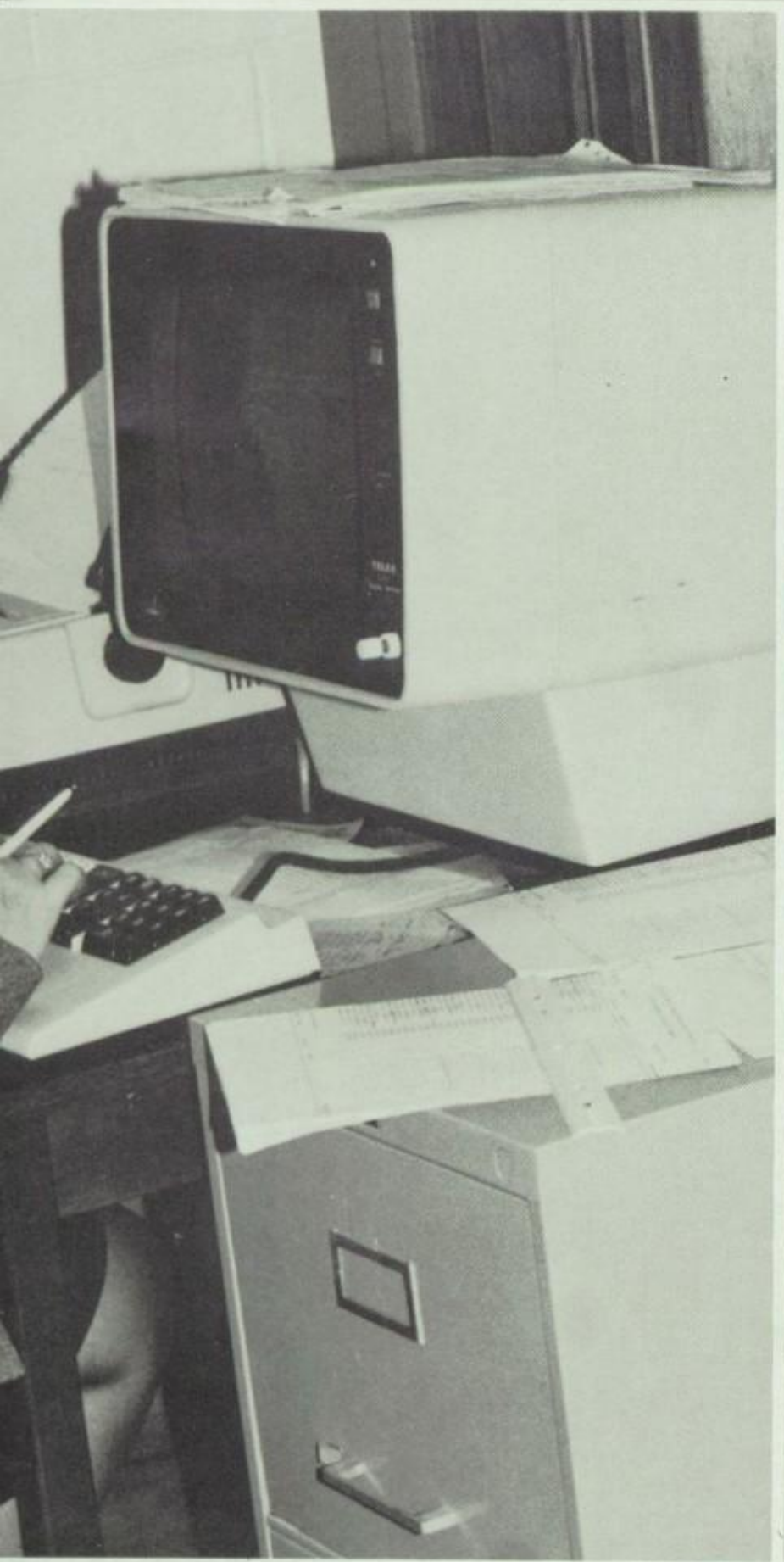




Looking up the number of a sick child's parents is one of the things Mrs. Garner does each day. (M. Hodgins)



Drowned in paperwork, Mrs. Dick tries to do three things at once. (M. Hodgins)



Working with the computer helps Mrs. Farley find any student information needed quickly. (M. Hodgins)

Having been a teacher for eight years and a guidance counselor for nineteen years, Mrs. Chris Green has enjoyed much success during her career. She has been honored by the American College Testing program, the High Point Chamber of Commerce, and the Presidential Classroom for young Americans. This past year, Mrs. Greene received the 1985 outstanding contributions to Young People Award given annually by the High Point Youth Council.

She is now in her eighteenth year as a guidance counselor in Ragsdale, and she has seen many changes in students' attitudes. For example, Mrs. Greene said that students



today feel more free to talk about their problems than when she first started. Mrs. Greene felt the reason for this change was the fact that "social stigma has been removed through time". Through all of her work, Mrs. Greene has proven to be a great asset to the school and the community.



After the mad rush during lunch, Mrs. Robertson uses her time to clean up the mess left by students. (S. Bean)



**Attendance helpers:** Front Row: Robin Adams, Annette Combs, Jennifer Doss. Back Row: Carla Payne, Laura Johnston, Paul Capra, Kelli Dennis, Scott Barker, Theresa Tate. (M. Hodgins)



Signing a note for a student, Paul Capra demonstrates one of the many jobs he does as an attendance helper. (S. Bean)





Stamping a book for a student, Charles Cashatt keeps busy in the media center. (S. Bean)

**Guidance helpers** —Front Row: David Byerly. **Second Row:** Tammy Hudson, Chanda Hall, Christy Pearce. **Third Row:** Rochelle King, Jana Greer, Donna Jackson, Kim Ricketts. (M. Hodgins)



## Hall Haunts . . .

On any given day, during any class period, one could look down the halls and see nothing. Suddenly, however, a lone student would appear. This person was running an errand for either the guidance office, attendance office, or the media center. These people gave up one of their class periods so that they might help one of these three administrative branches.

Guidance helpers would often be seen walking through the school showing a visitor or new student around. They also filed records, delivered messages, and any other task a guidance

counselor might have for him or her.

In the attendance office, the helpers would pick up absentee sheets from homerooms, and then deliver the absentee list back to every teacher. They too, filed records, as well as delivered messages. Also, they wrote passes for students who were returning to class.

Emptying the book return, shelving books, and helping other students find and check out books were just a few of the jobs of a media center helper. They also worked with the audio-visual equipment as well as magazines and vertical file materials.

The hard work on the part of these students helped make the lives of the students as well as the faculty much easier.

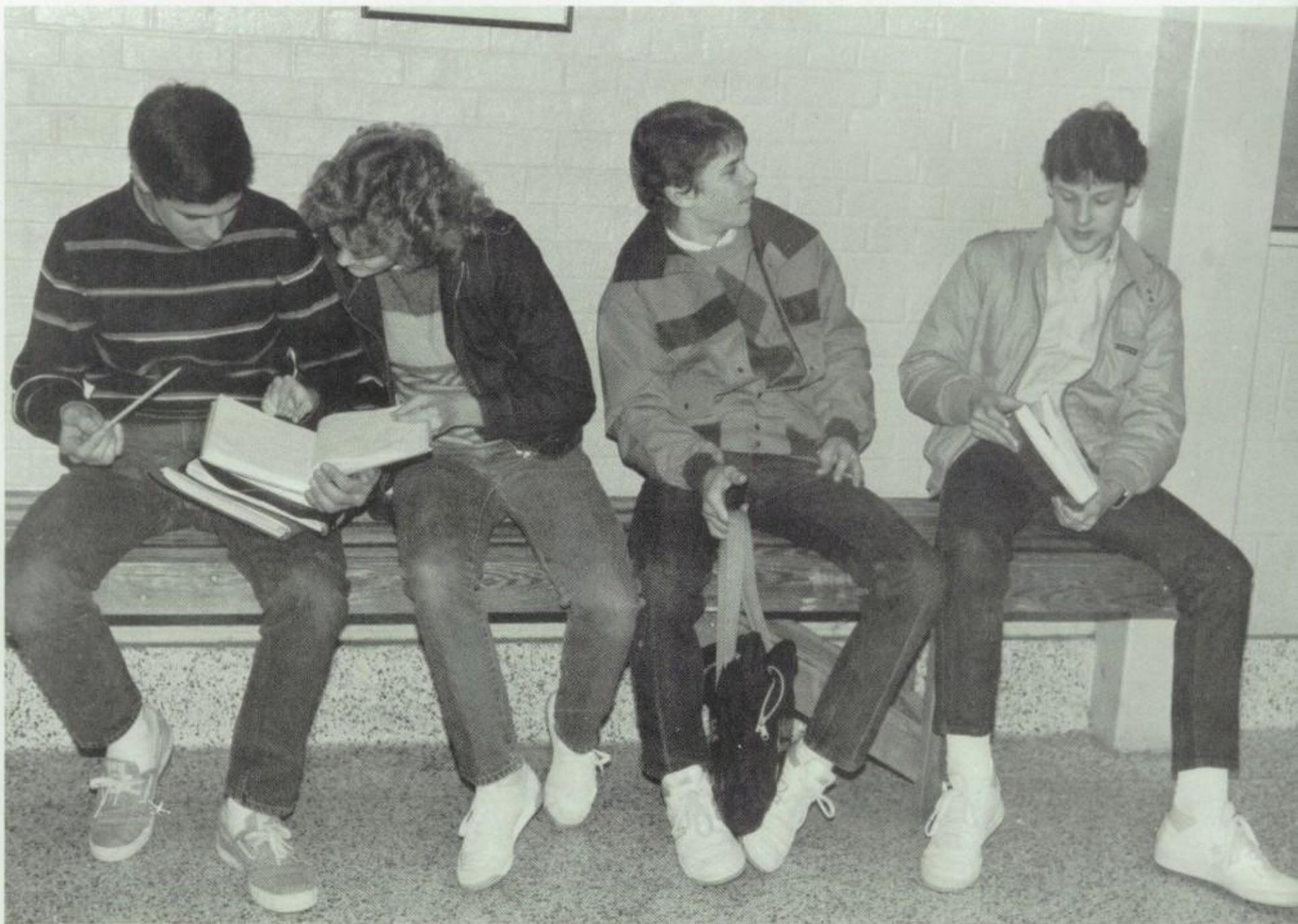


**Library workers** — Front Row: Stanley Morgan, Dee Higginbottom, Renee Morgan. **Back Row:** Mitch Cook, Chris Bowen, Bill Rager, Cheryl Traynham, Greg Turner. (M. Hodgins)



Sitting in the front commons, these students use the time before school to talk and study. (M. Hodgins)

Curling her hair is a part of Lori King's routine of preparing for school. (K. Baynes)



## In a Day's Work: Before

**"R**inngg!" As those hated alarm clocks rang out early each morning, many students were faced with the dilemma of waking up to start yet another school day. While some students immediately climbed out of their beds, others went back to sleep and later woke up to realize that they had overslept. After waking up, students began the task of preparing for school. Some simply took a hurried shower and ate a quick breakfast while others spent much longer getting ready in or-

der to perfect their appearances. After these morning rituals were completed, students left for school. Some arrived early for such reasons as driving a bus, finishing homework, studying for a test, or just talking to friends in the halls or the commons. Other students were last-minute arrivals who would just barely get to homeroom in time. As the 8:15 bell rang, students realized that the sacred time before school was over, and it was time for the school day to begin.



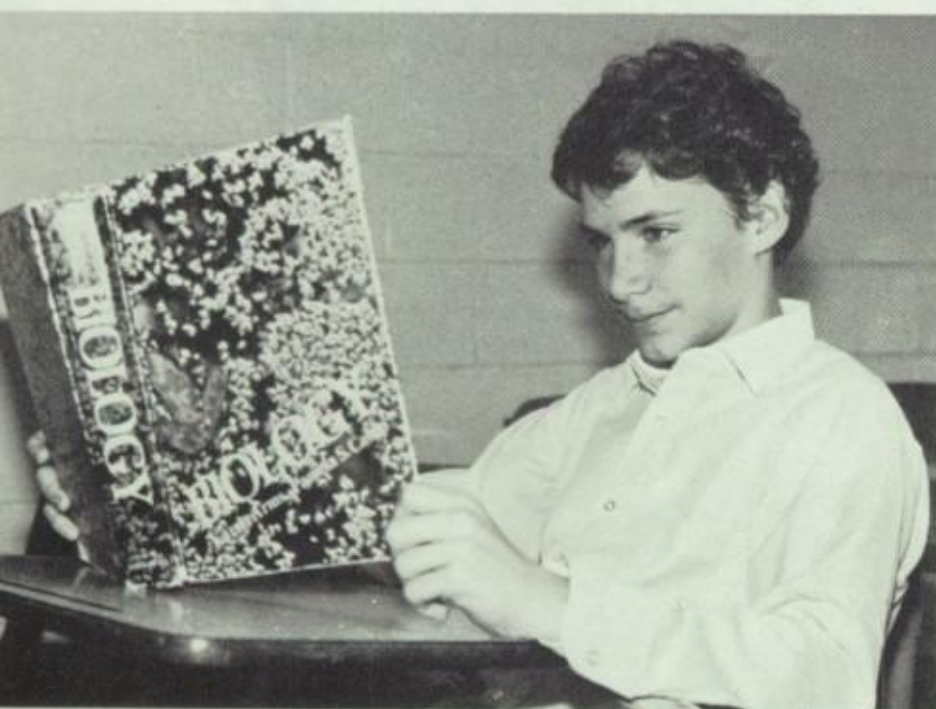




Standing outside, Dwight Jarvis and David Lavack enjoy talking before homeroom. (S. Bean)



Coming in from the parking lot, Students begin to prepare for the school days. (K. Baynes)



Before school begins proves to be a good time for Jeff Lucas to study advanced biology. (M. Hodgins)

Talking in the hall is one way Kris Kauffman and Chris Tallant pass time before school. (S. Bean)



# During

The 8:15 bell rings; the attendance is checked. The school day has begun, and there is no turning back. For six hours a day, five days a week, school occupies a great part of the time spent by students during the week.

The school day consisted not only of classwork and assignments but also of socializing and "goofing off". Spare time between classes, during lunch, and at break allowed students to relax and momentarily forget about the pressures of school. However, the next class was always minutes away, and with it came more worries about work to come and work not done. It

always seemed that some assignments were overlooked either accidentally or on purpose. Every extra minute was then used to finish the homework before that class arrived.

Activities other than just work took place during the school day. For classes such as drama, art, and band, more emphasis was placed on creativity than knowledge. Physical education classes also provided a relief to the regular routine of school work. Study halls were useful to catch up on work or just to relax.

Though sometimes long and busy, the school day was a task all students had to undertake.



Relaxing during their study hall, Jeff Woodburn and Sharon Davis enjoy the courtyard. (M. Hodgín)



Sketching for biology, Mark Cassidy studies intently the details of the grasshopper. (M. Hodgins)



Preparing for their next class, Scott Dove and Steve Daniels stop by their lockers. (S. Bean)



With some spare time to kill, Colleen Ivory skims through a magazine in the library. (K. Baynes)



Finding a quiet place in the library, Cheryl Houseworth studies for an upcoming test. (K. Baynes)



Using after school time to get interesting shots, Mike Hodgin finishes up an assignment with a picture of Mrs. Stafford. (S. Bean)



Tutoring students was a routine activity for Mrs. Beck who helps students with their algebra. (M. Hodgin)



Going up for the rebound, The Varsity Girls Basketball Team practices to insure the continuation of a good season. (M. Hodgin)



# After It All

It's 2:40 and the unmistakable feeling of freedom could be felt throughout the halls. Finally, the longest class of the day was over. The classes spilled forth the more than eager students who were ready for the school day to end.

For some, however, 2:40 marked the end of classes, but their stay at school was by no means over, for now began the afterschool meetings, tutorings, and other have-to-stay-after activities.

Afterschool proved to be the perfect time for meetings for the reason that class time was not interrupted, to the dismay of the members, more time could be taken instead of just one class hour, and the members were more available than during school hours.

Many clubs chose after school as the best time to meet. Other service-oriented clubs chose after school as the best time to plan their next big functions. Student Congress, which was limited to one class period per week, met after school in addition to in-school meetings.

After school was also a perfect time for extra help in particular subjects. Many students found this time very advanta-

geous in that there was no time limit, the teachers' class time was not interrupted, they were more than willing to help, and the distractions that occur during the day were eliminated.

However, the most common after school activity was by far the practices. After school practices ranged in the school from High I.Q. to Wrestling, from 3:00 to 6:00 and from Monday to Friday.

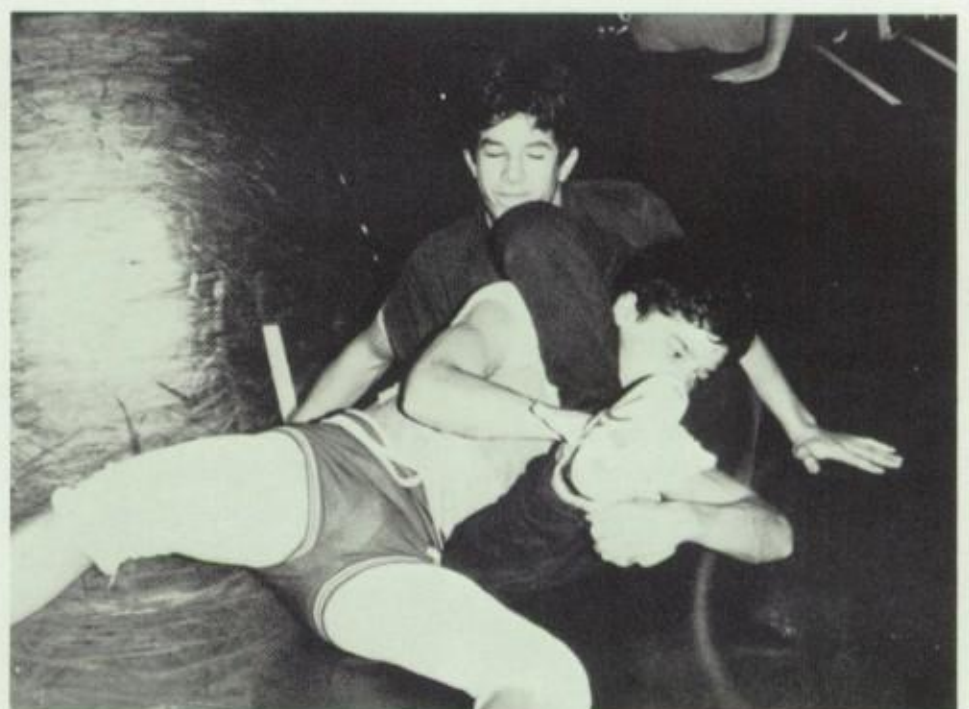
The cheerleaders used after-school time to perfect their stunts and practice their cheers as well as make up new ones. While in the gym, the first cycle of basketball practice starting with the J.V.'s, was just beginning. At the same time, the mat men were warming up for a grueling day's practice which would last until 5:00. Later, the last cycle of basketball practice, with the varsity boys, would finish out the day with their perfection of plays, strategies, shots and free-throws.

At times, practices lasted longer than the stated time, and the time spent after school amounted to more than the time spent in school. But, in the end, the time spent was all worth it. The time paid off AFTER IT ALL.



Looking for an opening for a good pass, Courtenay Shaw polishes up on her basketball skills and moves. (M. Hodgin)

Because distractions are limited, Melissa Dewey finds after school the perfect time to complete homework. (M. Hodgin)



Warming up for practice and shooting new moves, wrestlers Kevin Frost and David Byerly grapple for the upperhand. (M. Hodgin)



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Examining the prizes at a game at the fair, Cheryl Houseworth and her date take advantage of a different choice of nightlife. (S. Bean)

Combining business with pleasure, Natalie Justus alternates between studying and the lure of television. (M. Hodgkin)



## After (H)ours!

“**W**hat you do with your days is up to you . . .” began a radio commercial advertising a local nightclub. How little did they know! Between 6:00 A.M. and 2:45 P.M., (and sometimes long after) school dictated most students’ week-day actions.

But with the approach of a new evening, or better still, a weekend, there was a broader range of choices available. Though homework and longer-range assignments hovered overhead, most folks found time to do other things instead like eating out, taking in a mov-

ie, cheering wildly at a sports event, or just watching television, for instance.

Although those with jobs often missed out on some of the festivities others enjoyed, there were some advantages. “Having a job just means that I have a little more money to spend than some other people do,” explained Senior Allen Hewett.

Concerts, fairs, and church outings provided many students with a break too. And since the day belonged to the school, the pursuit of nightlife was **after (H)ours!**

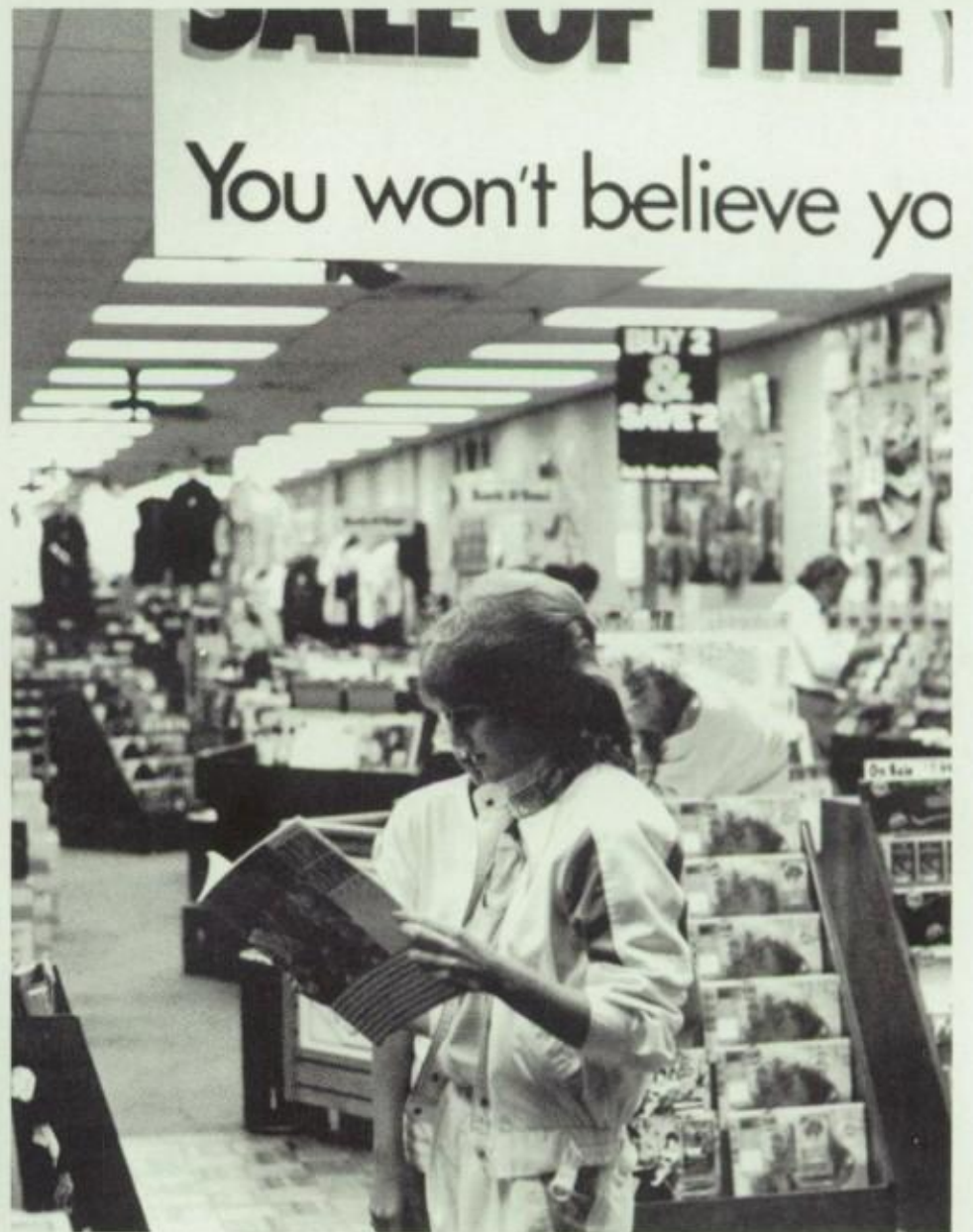


With loud yells, fans cheer on the basketball team. (S. Bean)





Gleaming with headlights, the High Point Road is the route many students travel after hours. (Baynes)



Examining the latest Duran Duran material at record shops in the mall was a favorite diversion for many students. (T. Hole)



A winning team, a cold night, a warm blanket, and a few friends add to the excitement of a football game for these students. (M. Hodgins)



Discussing problems with a student, Counselor Chirs Greene offers advice. (K. Baynes)

Part-time jobs were often mixed blessings. Mark Williams' job at Bestway is an example. (T. Hole)



## Burnout . . .

**"H**ey! That's me!" The term 'student burnout' conjures an image of a haggard student with an armful of books, three hours' worth of homework assignments ahead, and a part-time job or dance recital that will keep any of the homework from being started until well after midnight.

Though all students find themselves under quite a bit of academic and social pressure, making them quick to include themselves in the description of "student burnout". Some have much deeper problems than an occasional lack of sleep or research paper. Cases where once "model" students' grades begin to drop, they become dissatisfied and disinterested in school, begin to develop attendance problems, and may even be-

come discipline problems. There are, of course, varying degrees to the term "burnout," which makes the problem more difficult to identify.

The number of those serious cases is considered to be "fairly small in relation to the whole student body" by faculty member Robert Gaines who added that, "The big question is 'why?'" And indeed, the numbers of reasons behind the problems are multiple and widely varied. In Mr. Gaines' opinion, part-time jobs and the wide range of in-and-out-of-school activities that are pursued by students are the primary causes: "They just don't have the time to prepare." Guidance Counselor Chris Greene added that "alcohol, drugs, and involvements with the opposite sex are often

factors" that often go unnoticed by teachers and parents.

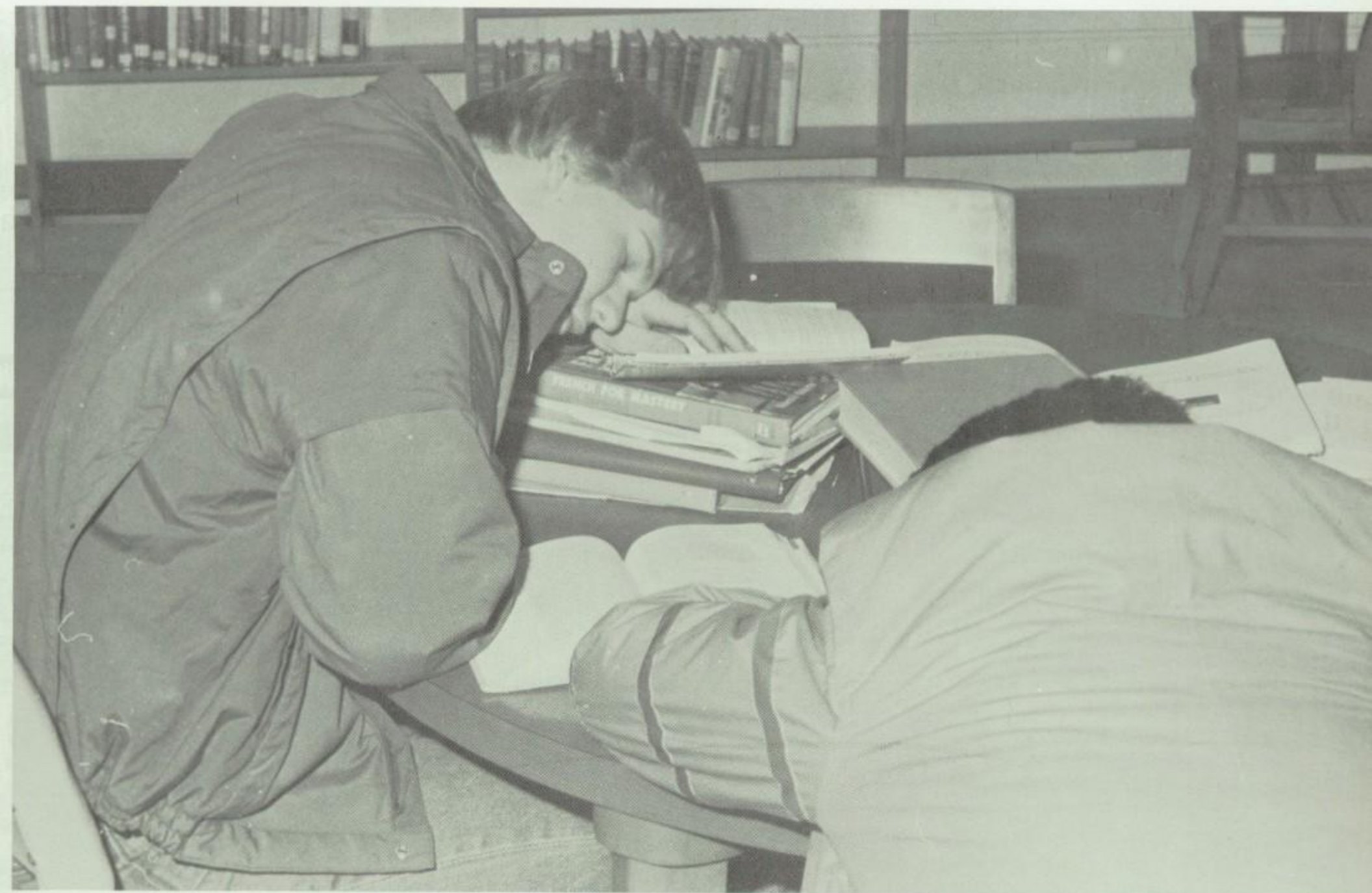
A student, however, felt that most of the serious cases can be avoided. Senior Corinna Dunn feels that there is "much too little communication between teachers and students." She suggests "a small committee made up of teachers, students, and counselors" could help to bridge the lack of communication much like the student congress serves as a liaison with the administration.

Since the problem of burnout is so varying in its degree, many don't seek the help that they need as soon as they should. It makes the problem of student burnout, Mr. Gaines summed up, as "one that needs to be recognized and dealt with."

Preparing for research papers was one of the biggest headaches for many juniors. (T. Hole)







Taking advantage of a study hall and a quiet library, Allan Kersey catches up on some missed sleep. (K. Baynes)

After first-semester exams, Mrs. Caudle figures the all-important grades before report cards go out. (T. Hole)





## Restricted!

Two figures crawl through an open window late at night. Suddenly, a light flicks on, and someone yells, "We've been nabbed!"

Sneaking out past curfew hours was just one of the tactics that students used to avoid restrictions set by parents, school, and community.

However, some students respected the curfews their par-

ents set for them because, according to Buffy LaVack, "After 1:00 the excitement has died down and there is only trouble to get into."

Not only had our parents set restrictions on us, but the school had also announced a few new restrictions such as the new tardy system and censoring a few cheers the students had made up over the past

years. Most students did not seem to mind the new rules; however, a few thought that in restricting the cheers, "Our school was losing school spirit."

Even though a few students thought our school was down on school spirit, the rest of the school cheered enthusiastically seeming to not mind the new restrictions.



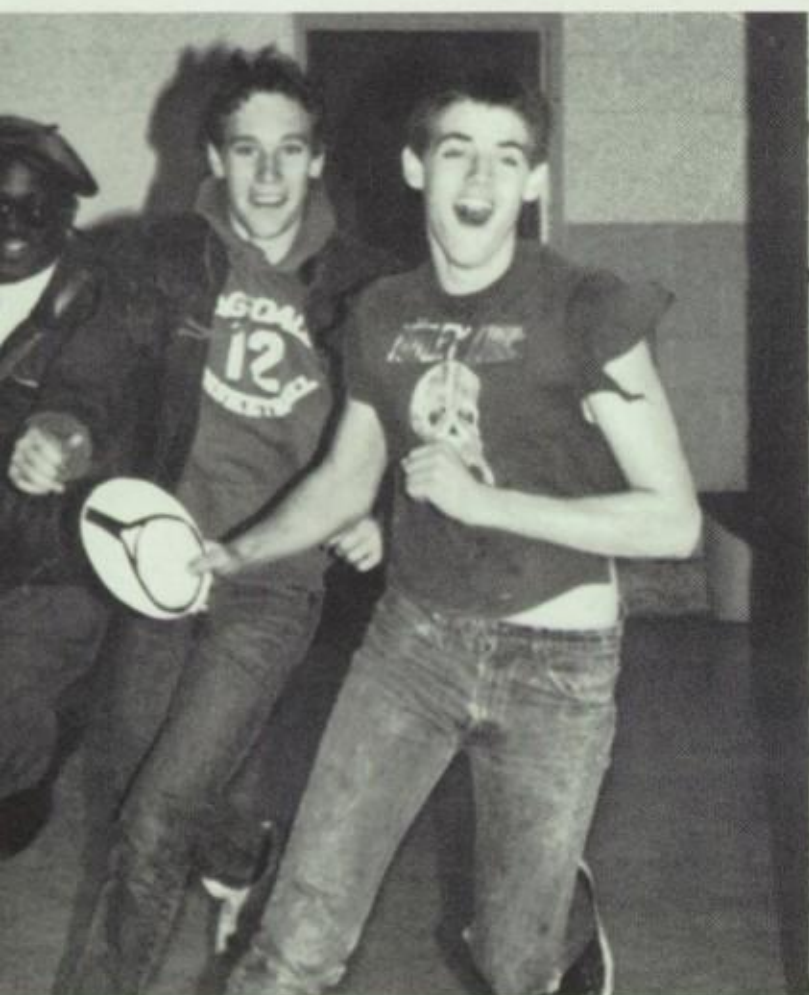


Because of restrictions, these students, like others, have to eat lunch in the cafeteria. (S. Bean)

Washing desks after school, Ronnie Bidy lives his punishment for being tardy. (M. Hodgin)



Trying to coax school spirit instead of class spirit, Bill Shaw encourages the crowd. (S. Bean)



Running to avoid tardiness, Robert Gibson, Mike Davis, and Brian Taylor speed to class. (M. Hodgin)

Doing his time in ALC, this boy works diligently on his assignments (K. Baynes)





# Beyond the Cafeteria

“Hey, Marsha, Do you want to go to lunch?”

“Yeah, hold on for a second.”

“What about you, Mike?”

“No thanks. I’ve got a test this period and I need to do some last-minute studying.”

Conversations like these were heard almost every day in the halls and commons during lunch. Although most people

used their lunch period to eat, some were forced either to study or to do homework during this time. Others even risked ALC by going out to eat lunch with friends. The thirty minutes allotted to students never seemed to be enough time to eat and talk in the commons, so some people skipped lunch entirely and spent their

time with friends. A few students could be seen in the smoke hole smoking a cigarette before their next class.

Eventually, everyone seemed to get used to eating either as early as 11:15 or as late as 12:30, but a test in one’s fourth period class often changed their lunch schedule completely.

No one complained too much

because the different lunch schedule gave people the chance to see and eat with other friends, even if only for a day. Doing work for the clubs and organizations also caused lunch times to change, and sometimes they made a student miss his class and lunch entirely.

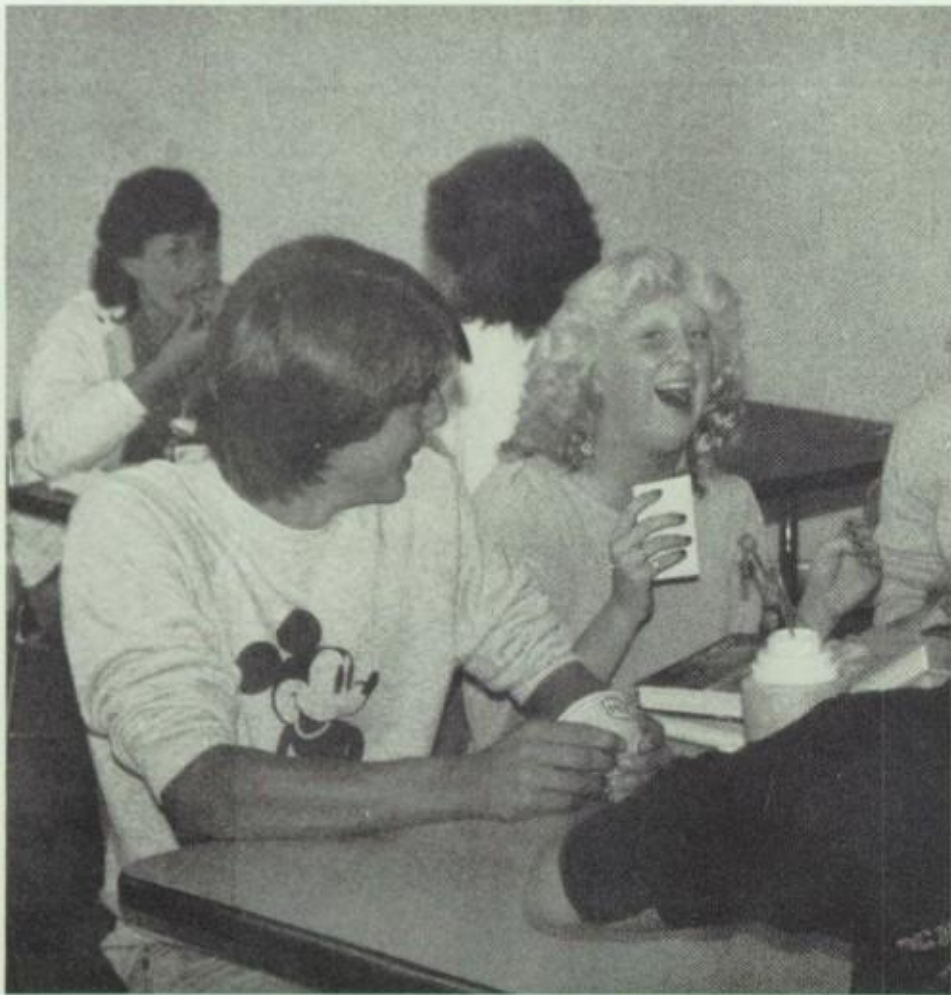
All in all, lunch was more than just a time for eating.



Because of her busy schedule, Julie Mitchell only has time for a quick snack for lunch. (K. Baynes)



Finding their lunch amusing, Brian Riggs and Michelle Crumpler finish off the last of their meal. (K. Baynes)



Sharing an ice cream cone, Deanna Winchester and Harry Cherkas talk over the day's activities. (K. Baynes)



Handing out the cash for his meal, Ken Jackson plans on lunch in the cafeteria. (K. Baynes)

Being president of the Juniorettes means Amy Bryant must often give up her lunch to work in the school store. (K. Baynes)



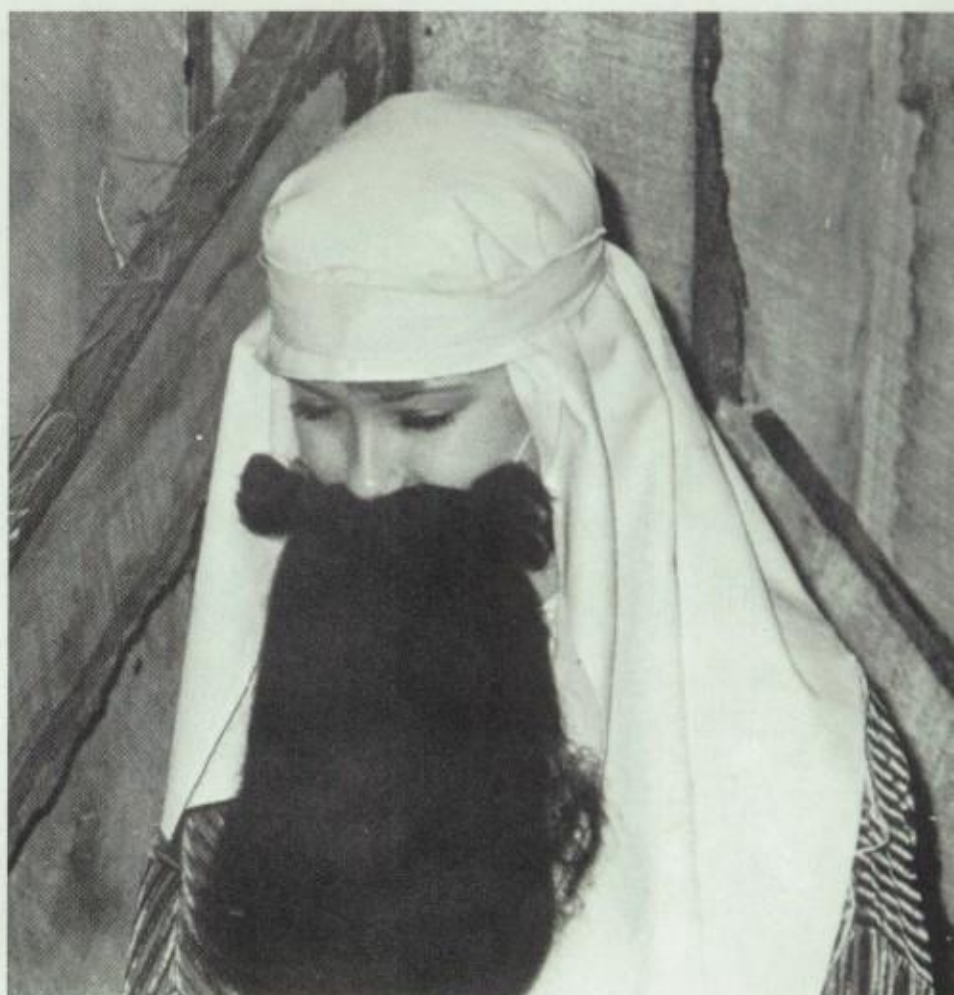
Singing Christmas carols at the Presbyterian Home, the French Club spreads its cheer. (K.Baynes)



Wondering what she is about to open next, Sharon Horner reaches for her next present. (K. Baynes)



Helping the school to look its best, Sandy Harrington and Nancy Oliphant decorate the school's tree. (K. Baynes)



In the Christmas Play at her church, Melissa Neal plays the part of a shepherd. (K. Baynes)



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## 'Tis the Season . . .

A visit from the Clauses makes everyone's Christmas brighter. (K. Baynes)

As the clock slowly inched its way toward 2:40, classrooms of anxious students realized that they would soon be out for Christmas vacation. For twelve days there would be no homework, quizzes, or tests to worry about. Everyone would be free of any responsibilities from school.

However, many students had other duties to perform before Christmas arrived. Last-minute Christmas shopping meant that malls and shopping centers were packed. Much time was spent just trying to find a park-

ing space close to the store, and once one got inside, the lines of people in the stores were almost unbearable. On the other hand, some students got jobs working in stores that needed additional help just for the holiday season. These people were able to earn extra shopping money; however, they also were forced to put up not only with the long, tiring, work hours, but also with constant questions and complaints from customers.

Besides working and shopping, there were other activities that students did over the holi-

days. Some took part in a Christmas play at their church while others visited relatives.

When Christmas finally arrived, the special morning started a little too early for some, but for most it was one of the happiest days of the year. After Christmas, friends got together to share gifts they had received. Also, many people rested up for the parties that were held on New Year's Eve. Most students lived it up for they realized that they would soon be back at school preparing for the upcoming exams.



# 'Tis the Season

“W hew! Thank goodness my last exam is over. Now I have four days to do whatever I want!” This thought went through the heads of many students all over the school. However, the planned vacation turned into an even longer one because of one thing: snow.

Probably the best winter friend of students, snow caused the closing of school for six days. Also, it caused delayed openings on several occasions. Because of the snow, there was not a completed week of school until the middle of February. Unfortunately, five of the days missed were made up at the end of the year, but no one really complained about the situation until the end of the year.

The missed days and long weekends caused by the snow gave everyone the opportunity to participate in their favorite winter sports. Skiing, sledding, snow-ball fights, and building snowmen were the most popular activities for students. Others stayed home so they could “catch up” on their soaps.

During the week before Valentine's Day, many clubs and organizations sponsored special events to help celebrate the special day. Student Congress sold boxes of small candy along with messages; the TV news team sold messages that were read on the air, and FBLA sold heart-shaped lollipops during lunch.



Battling the icy roads of Sedgefield, Richie Pearson tries to keep his car on the road. (T. Hole)





Engulfed with flowers for students, Mrs. Lundy sorts and delivers the Valentine's Day gifts. (K. Baynes)



Engaged in a snowball fight, Jason Long prepares to unleash his next snowball. (A. Nipp)



Looking for the perfect sledding spot, Chris Baxter tries a road in Sedgefield. (T. Hole)



With her special Valentine present in hand, Krista Elliot and Michelle Crumpler leave Mrs. Tippet's room. (M. Hodgins)



# Excellence

Excellence in academics, athletics, character, and leadership were the qualities which set these seniors apart from the rest. Each one was selected by their fellow students because of those outstanding characteristics which they possessed.

In addition to participating in Student Congress and Rhythm and Rhapsody, Outstanding Senior Steven Anderson was also vice president of the Spanish Club. Steven, co-captain of the football team, was also named All Conference in football.

In addition to being on the varsity baseball team, Chris Dovel enjoyed playing golf and basketball in his spare time. Chris was also active in such school organizations as FBLA, Spanish Club, and Student Congress.

Wayne Gibson showed his outstanding qualities through being active in sports. He was not only on the football and track teams but also enjoyed weightlifting and running.

As president of the student body, Sterling Gilreath was ac-

tive in Student Congress, French Club, yearbook, and the Outing Club. Sterling also displayed his talents through playing the trombone and being on the school's rifle team.

Outstanding Senior Allen Hewett was active in various school clubs such as the Beta Club, National Honor Society, French Club, and Student Congress. In addition, he was a member of the morning news team, basketball team, and the golf team.

Besides being a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, French Club, and Juniores, Janet Ingle held the responsibility of editor of the yearbook. She also played the piano, danced, and was a member of Girl Scouts and a church youth group.

An active member of the student body, Megan Long divided her time among her duties as the president of the Spanish Club, the secretary of the senior class, and a member of Juniores. Megan, a senior homecoming attendant, was known

to do one or two workouts at the spa while juggling bowling balls.

A member of French Club, French National Honor Society, Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Business Manager of the yearbook, Christi Manges remained very busy throughout the school year. In her spare time, Christi enjoyed playing the piano and snow-skiing.

Rodney Melton's time was occupied during the year by playing football, basketball, and driving a bus. He was a director at a local community center as well.

In addition to French Club, Student Congress, and Rhythm and Rhapsody, Rence Oliphant played varsity basketball. He also enjoyed playing golf, tennis, and bowling.

Vanessa Perez's activities included not only Spanish Club, Juniores, and Rhythm and Rhapsody but also varsity cheerleading and dancing. She was selected Homecoming Queen, too.

Outstanding Senior Billy Shaw displayed his athletic talents through playing football

and baseball. He not only was named All Conference kicker in football, but he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and skiing in his spare time.

As well as participating in Spanish Club, yearbook, and Juniores, Theresa Tate displayed her school spirit as head cheerleader on the varsity squad. Theresa was also a senior homecoming attendant.

Mark Tippet showed his outstanding qualities through being Spanish Club Treasurer and participating in the Beta Club. In addition, he liked to fish, hunt, and play tennis, and Mark was a member of the golf team.

As president of her class for four years, a Student Congress representative for three years, secretary of the Student Congress, and treasurer of FHA, Mary Ann Ward was constantly involved in student activities. She was also selected Maid of Honor at Homecoming.

Because of their involvement in school activities throughout the year, these fifteen students were chosen by their peers as deserving of the title "outstanding."

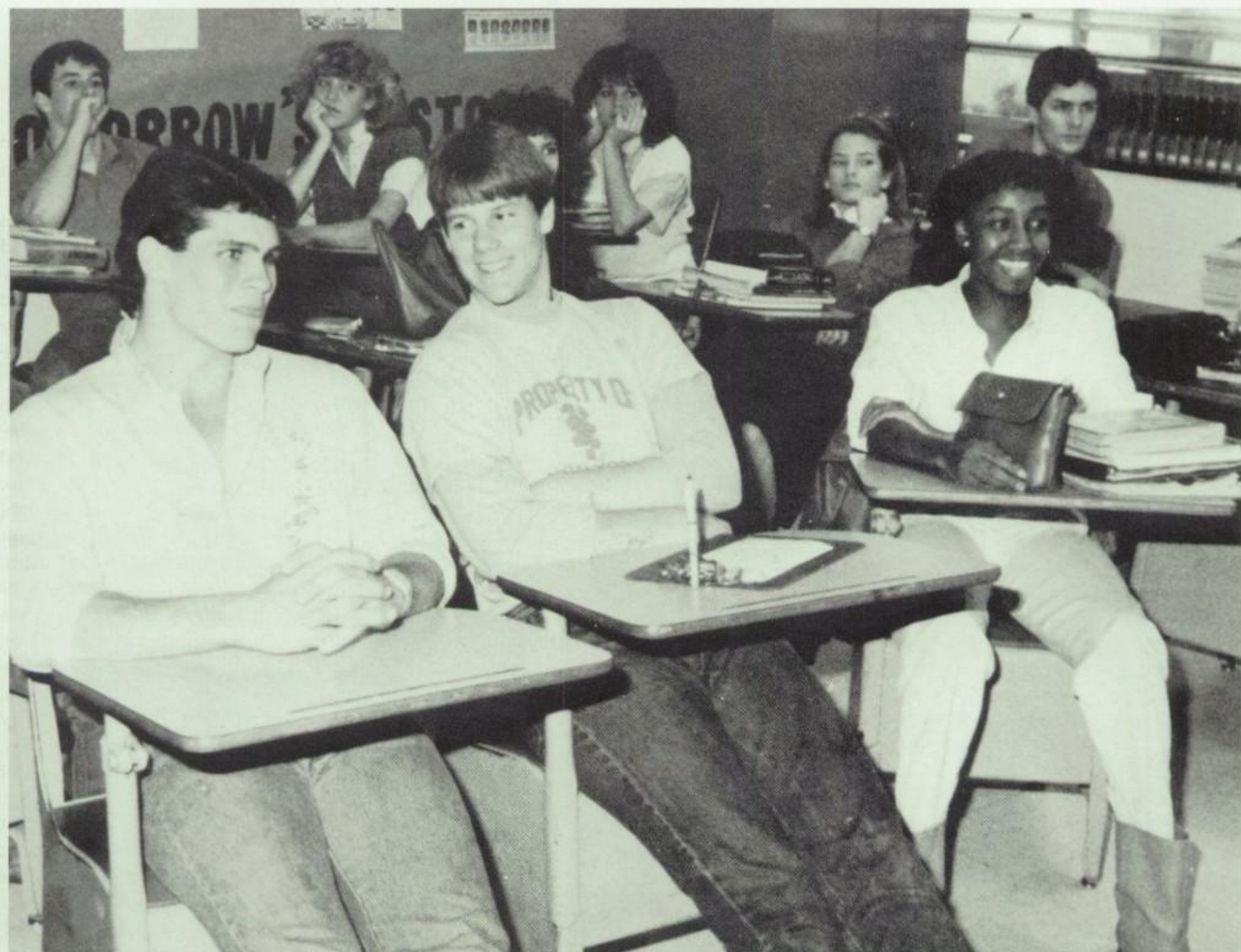


Outstanding Seniors: Allen Hewett, Janet Ingle, Wayne Gibson, Billy Shaw. (not pictured: Rence Oliphant). (K. Baynes)



Outstanding Seniors: Rodney Melton, Christi Manges, Sterling Gilreath, Mary Ann Ward, Vanessa Perez. (S. Bean)





As members of Student Congress, Outstanding Seniors Steven Anderson and Chris Dovel are very active in projects that benefit the students and the school. (K. Baynes)

Outstanding Seniors: Mark Tippet, Theresa Tate, Chris Dovel, Megan Long, Steven Anderson. (K. Baynes)





**“W**ill you look at this mess!” exclaimed Mom.

“But it’s not a mess. It’s an expression of my personality. It’s my room!” protests the student.

“That’s a pile of junk, and what is that on your wall?”

It’s a losing battle, yet there were exceptions and alternatives to the final word. Many students used their room as an outlet for their creativity and tastes in decor. Posters from Asia to ZZ Top and from personal photos to full wall murals was the range.

Beer posters were next in line as well as three dimensional, two-foot tall, model beer cans made of paper or as blow-ups. Even full six-packs in the plas-

tic holder were hung, leaving the mystery as to how the beer was extracted without removing the cans. Pin-ups of male and female stars in daring poses were also used to add a touch of the risque to the atmosphere. One might ask, “Does all this have any purpose?” Of course! Each object has some specific meaning or sentimental value. Behind every article there is a memory, be it a first party or last home game.

Many students have even gone farther than normal, such as the purloining of STOP signs, NO PARKING signs, and road blockers. When the wall space ran out, the ceiling was the next discovery. Nets, light-fixtures, and other dangling clutter made walking up-right impossible as

well as dangerous.

School emblems, state and college pennants, pictures of friends, awards, certificates, and ribbons adorn the shrine that looks like a novelty shop explosion.

Overall, the rooms were true expressions of the students’ minds and tastes. Mothers could take comfort in the fact that when Jr. goes off to college, so does his collection, but these things only increase. When the moment arose, the students could find ROOM FOR EXPERIMENT.

While reading a magazine, Kathryn Johnston surrounds herself with her stuffed animals, Muppet poster, and her road block. (S. Bean)



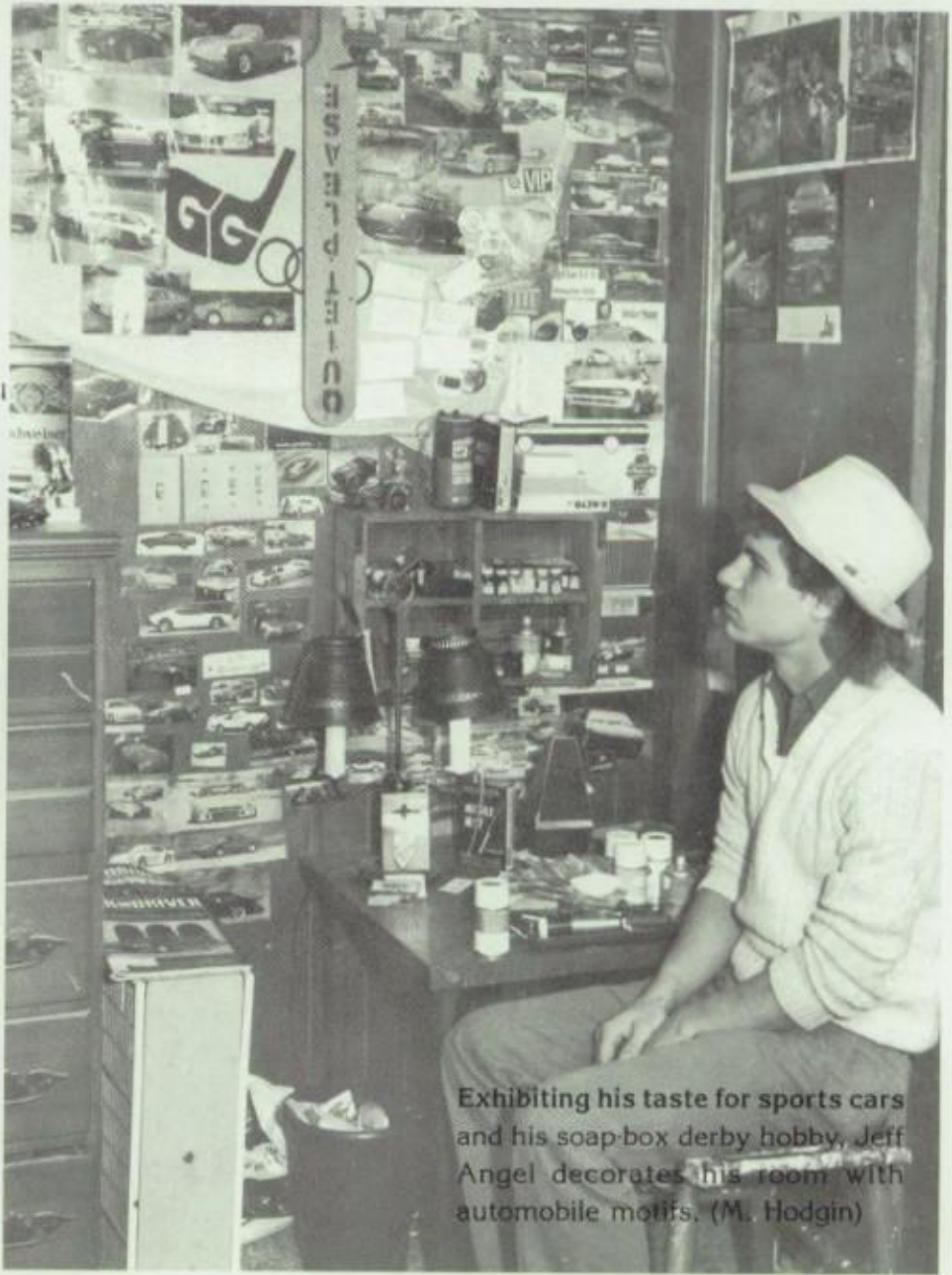


Rock posters were among the favorite items for decorating walls. — Stereos and trophies also added — nice touches. (M. Hodgin)

Portraying her fascination with Duran Duran and Billy Squire, Kim Yarbray plasters her walls from top to bottom. (M. Hodgin)



Displaying his appeal for road signs, Keith Misenheimer adds a touch of daring and lawlessness to his room's decor. (M. Hodgin)



Exhibiting his taste for sports cars and his soap-box derby hobby, Jeff Angel decorates his room with automobile motifs. (M. Hodgin)



"The Emerald Sea" anchored in Bahamian waters. The cruise ship was the home and showplace for RHS students. (J. Dodson)

Looking at Swatches in Switzerland, Allen Hewett compares their price with the US. (T. Hole)



## Culture Shock

Picture an icy breeze in the Swiss Alps, a deep tanning sun in the waters of the Bahamas, and the swaying palm trees in Australia. Then include the many Ragsdale students who spanned the globe and thousands of miles to put together this impressive travelogue.

Spring break provided an excellent chance for school groups to travel abroad. Several Spanish-language students, including Stephanie Stolely and Cynthia Trone, toured Spain and several other countries on their vacation. Ragsdale's performing ensemble, Rhythm and Rhapsody, combined show business with pleasure over the Eas-

ter holidays when they performed on the cruise ship, The Emerald Seas, in the Bahamas.

Sophomore Melissa Dewey visited the 'land-down-under' over the Christmas vacation and toured in the balmy Oz weather for 20 days. Sydney, Australia and surrounding areas played host for much of that time, with mostly 85 weather. Aside from the summertime Christmas, "The strangest part of the trip was the food," Melissa decided. "They eat vegamite on everything, and they drink a lot of Kiwi-fruit juice. It took some getting used to."

Another group from Ragsdale toured Europe over the Easter holidays, as well. French teach-



Possibly the most photographed monument in the world, the Eiffel Tower looms above. (A. Hewett)

James Rider examines the grandfather clocks in the Black Forest. (T. Hole)





Overlooking Spanish countryside, Vanessa Perez, Cynthia Trone, and Steph Stokely enjoy the view.

In her motel room in Koblenz, Chanda Hall looks over the day's schedule. (J. Ingle)



Dedicated to fallen Swiss mercenaries, the Lion Monument immortalizes an era past. (R. Bivens)



Drawing admiration and spending money, sidewalk artists decorate the streets with colored chalk. (A. Hewett)

With Christmas trees glowing behind her, Melissa Dewey enjoys the warm winter in Oz. (L. Dewey)



## Culture Shock

ers Mr. Carroll and Madame Wolf took over 20 students and several adults on a 10 day tour, which included Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and France. The Black Forest in Germany, the Boucher watch factory in Switzerland, and the Moulin Rouge in France were all featured attractions for the group.

"It was pretty wild seeing beer served at Burger King and McDonalds," Senior Kim Per-

due observed. "The unisex bathrooms in Paris were a little different, too."

With their stories and pictures, the fortunate students who got the chance to travel also shared their experiences with the folks back home. The shock involved in being introduced to new cultures and ways of life provided a charge that helped the cultural diffusion.

On board the Emerald Seas, the R and R choral group dance in the ship's lounge. (L. Neel)







On a vineyard's balcony, the Ragsdale Europe tour members pose for a 'scrapbook shot'. (R. Bivens)

Doing some shopping while in Paris, Karen Craven and Janet Ingle admire the fashions. (RB)



In a shipboard view of a Bahamian resort hotel, the crystal waters are evident. (J. Dodson)





Mark Wainscott and Melissa Trone say their farewells to Mark's mother before going out. (K. Baynes)

Enjoying a quiet evening at home, Scott Rhodes and Ellen Belk cuddle in front of the T.V. (S. Bean)





# Anatomy of a Date

"I got lost at City Stage and ended up going the wrong way down a one way street," said Misty Peoples of her most unusual experience on a date.

Getting lost was just one obstacle to be overcome on a date. Many students seemed to have had trouble from the very start. Putting on the finishing touches, Michael Lowrey prepares for his evening's date. (S. Bean)

For example, talking to parents of dates seemed to pose a problem, and just going to the prom proved to be difficult. According to Shelley Dennis, she "was stepping into the car, and my hoop flew up!"

Furthermore, getting home on time also proved to be difficult for some including Cheryl Houseworth who ended up "sitting in an M.G. at 3:00 in the

morning at a church."

Not only was the beginning and the end of a date difficult, but just getting the middle together wasn't easy for Amy Bryant when she was "thrown in a pool by Jeff with all of her clothes on."

However, a large majority of the students honestly enjoyed their dates. For example, Scott Carty had a great time just

"cooling out at the waterfall," and others have had fun-filled evenings going to dinner, the movies, parties, or even the circus.

Whether having an excellent time, experiencing an unusual moment to be laughed at in the future, or enjoying a sentimental evening, most students agreed that their dates were well worth remembering.



Snuggling with a kitten, Jennifer Baker and Eric Hayes spend the day in the sun. (K. Baynes)



Awaiting their meal, Roy Bivens and Karen Craven discuss their plans for the evening. (K. Baynes)



# Winding Road

**"T**he long and winding road" was the Beatle's final release as a group. It is also an apt description of high school life, which begins with naive freshmen, progresses to the underconfidence of sophomores, regresses to the overconfidences of juniors, and ends with the larger-than-life seniors.

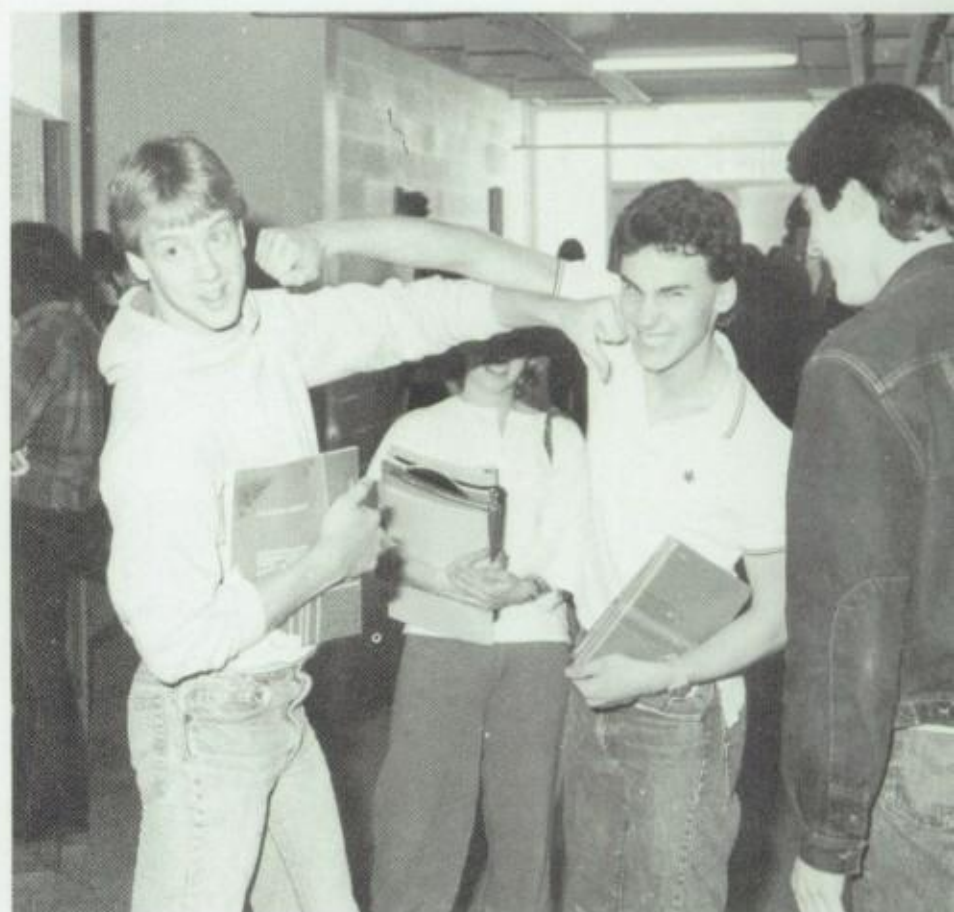
In spite of, or perhaps because of, the pressures of school, students kept their sense of humor through exams, research papers, and deadlines. And that sense of humor helped breed the often intense rivalry

between the classes this year. As a rule, the members of the different classes 'hung out' together, which bonded them firmly together but put a strain on school spirit as a whole.

Still, through their somewhat risque cheers at basketball games, their merciless directions to the elevators, to the freshmen, their tireless antics in class and in the hallways, through all the actions that help keep spirits up in school, the individual classes helped maintain the (in) sanity of the school.

Clowning in the hall, Juniors Robbie Corey and Lance Clark exchange greetings. (M. Hodgins)

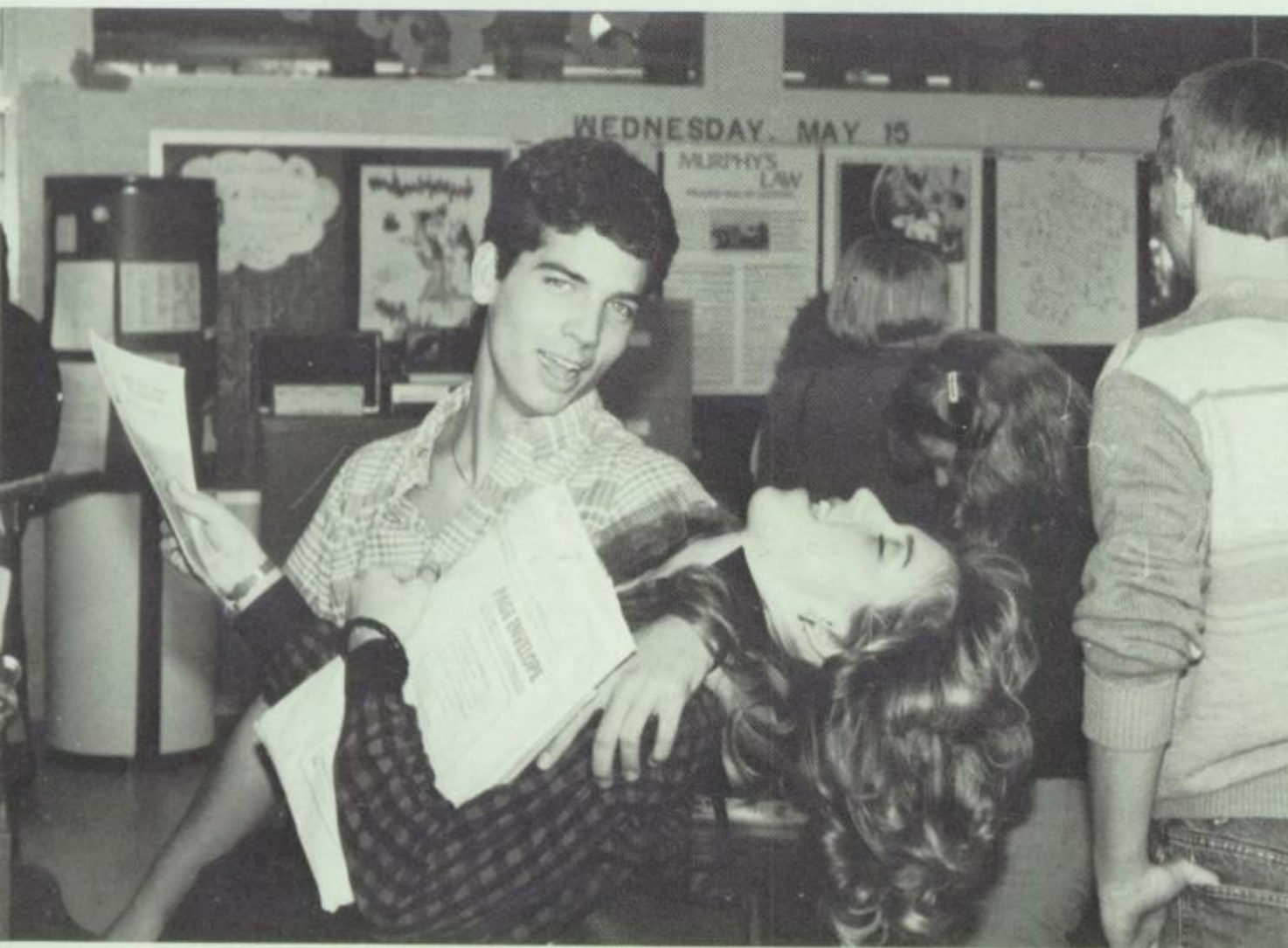
Mingling in the commons, Buzz Knox, Megan Long, and Stephanie Stokley enjoy a light moment. (SB)



Studiously, Johnathan Haney examines the structure of an animal's brain. (M. Hodgins)

With a pen in one hand and a phone in the other, Gina Rose awaits an answer. (S. Bean)





Taking a break from the 'deadline routine,' Jay Dodson and Wendy Neel take a dip. (S. Bean)



# A Real Rally

“What? We’re only missing sixth period for the Homecoming pep rally? I can’t believe it!” Similar statements were made by many students who felt that this special pep rally should be longer. However, the shortened time period did not shorten spirit.

In what many students considered to be one of the best pep rallies in recent Ragsdale history, some nagging questions were finally answered. One of these was “What happened to Ragsdale’s spirit?” Wherever it had been for most of the year, the spirit the student body showed was enormous. The cheering never stopped as the noise was almost deafening. Another question was “How come the seniors never win a pep rally? Any doubts about their spirit were laid to rest as the seniors with their special homecoming float finally won a pep rally.

The day was also special because of the many events fea-

tured. The impressive music of the band brought the crowd to its feet, and afterward, Rhythm and Rhapsody performed. Coach Cline introduced the football team, and then Amy Bryant presented the Junior class with the spirit award for the second straight year.

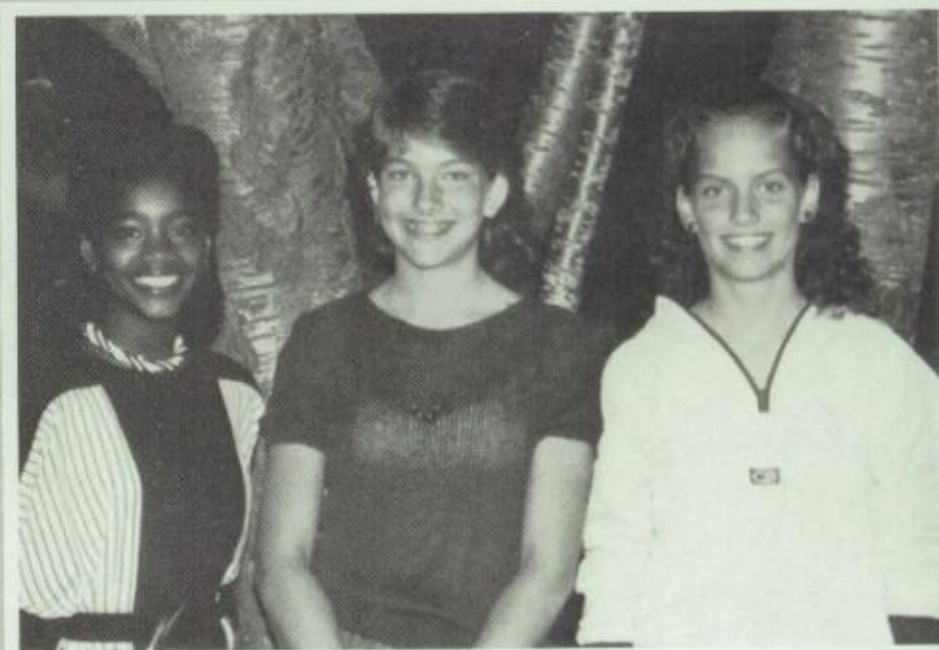
After all these happenings had ended, the homecoming attendants were introduced as the crowd listened attentively and showed their approval.

When it was all over, as students climbed into their cars or the bus, the ringing in their ears made them realize that this had been a REAL rally!

**Freshman Attendants** — Traci Boyd, Felicia Burzell, Monica McCall, (not pictured: Jeanna Forlines, Michelle Gleason) (K. Baynes)

**Taking a break from the pep rally.** Sterling Gilreath and Elizabeth find that being an emcee is not all fun and games. (S. Bean)

Giving a big smile to the crowd, Theresa Tate and her escort Brad Cates are introduced at the pep rally. (J. Ingle)



**Sophomore Attendants** — Krista Elliott, Courtenay Shaw, Misty Peoples (not pictured: Ellen Belk, Misty Gunter). (K. Baynes)





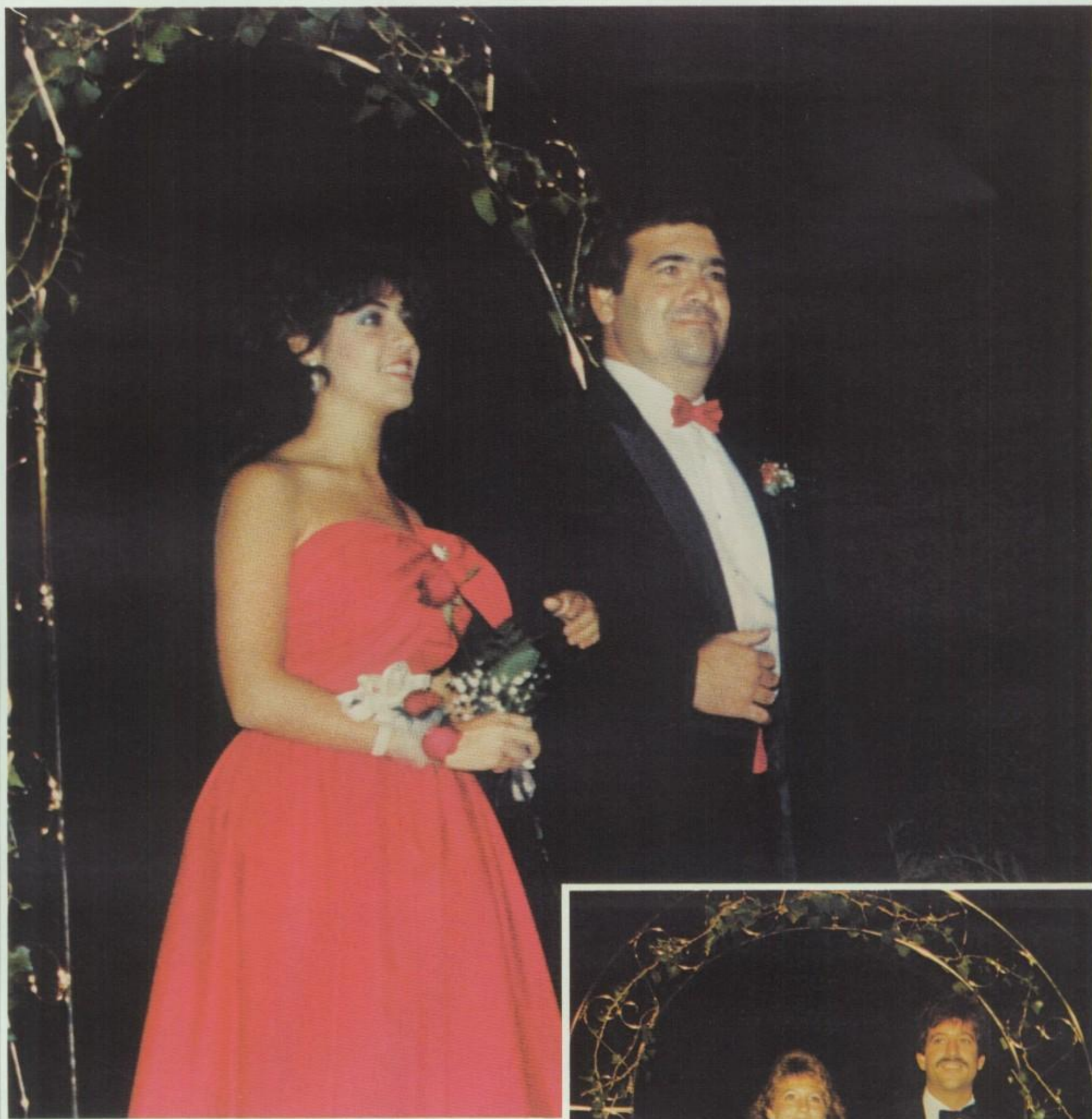


Going against tradition, the Seniors displayed their float in order to prove they have the most spirit. (S. Bean)

Proving that they are the loudest class, these seniors cheered their way to victory at the pep rally. (J. Ingle)

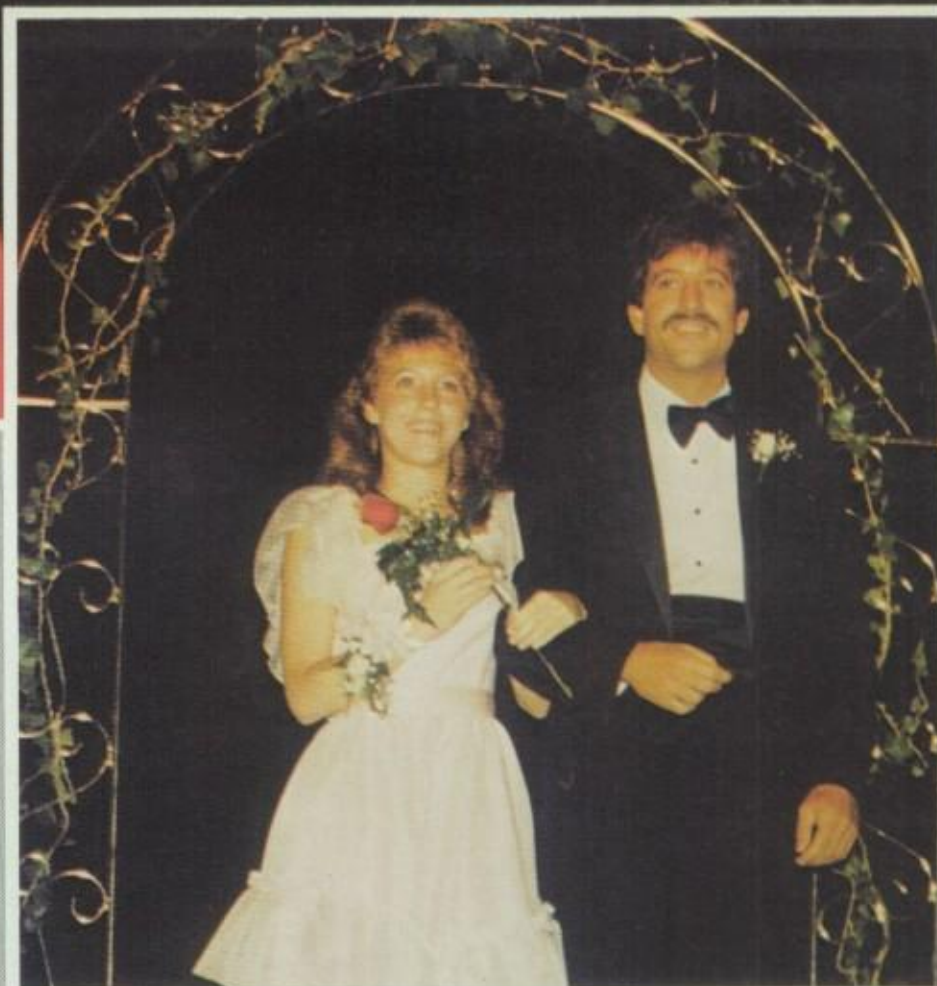






Escorted by her father, Vanessa Perez soon would be crowned the new homecoming queen. (K. Baynes)

Just before being crowned Maid of Honor, Mary Ann Ward smiles as her name is announced. (M. Hodgins)





Junior Attendants: Melissa Trone, Andee Huber, Stacy Holiday, and Rolona Brown. (not pictured: Misty McCall). (K. Bayens)



# A Celebration

What did long formal dresses, alumni from the past twenty-five years, and a score of 27 to 7 against Rockingham have in common? All of these things combined to make up one awesome homecoming!

The half-time festivities seemed to be the high point of the game. The Masters of Ceremony, Sherry Kirkman and Chris Dovel, started the show by announcing each of the attendants and their escorts. As the Senior attendants were announced, excitement grew, and

it climaxed with the announcement of this year's homecoming queen, Vanessa Perez, and her Maid of Honor, Mary Ann Ward.

The band also played a big part in the game. In addition to performing a pre-game show, they also added pep each time a touchdown was scored, showing that little had changed when it came to school spirit.

The perfect ending to the game came when Ragsdale captured another homecoming victory.

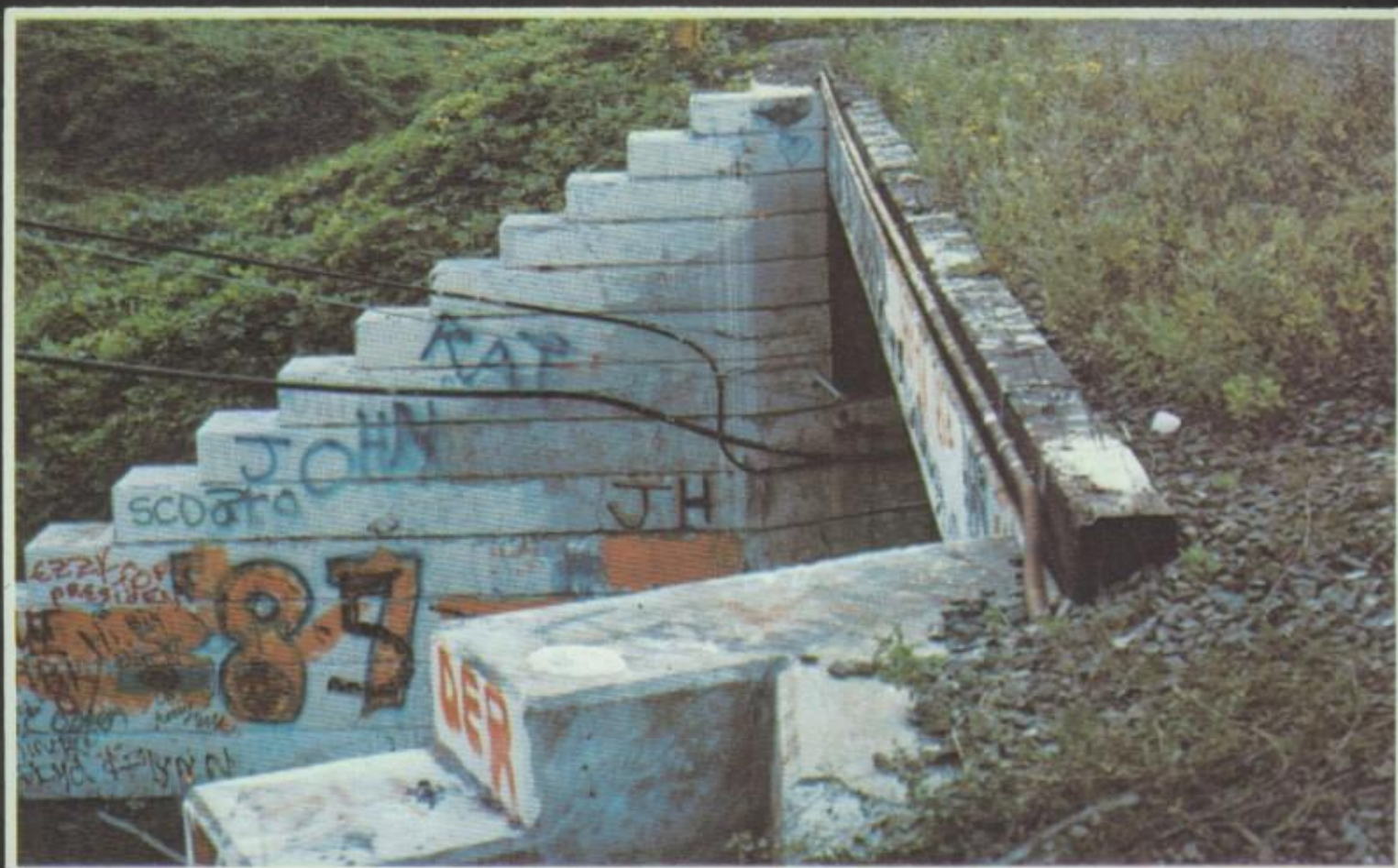
Seemingly pleased to be escorted by Kenny Jones, Melissa Trone smiles as her name is announced. (M. Hodgins)



Escorted by Ricky Smithers, Junior attendant Misty McCall seems pleased to be a part of the Homecoming festivities. (K. Baynes)

Senior Attendants: Angela Shore, Megan Long, Vanessa Perez, Cari Belk, Theresa Tate, Mary Ann Ward, (not pictured: Pam Washington). (K. Baynes)





Names, classes, and politics adorn the bridge after a late night spray of paint. (T. Hole)

An easy target for sabotage, road sign's messages were often changed. (T. Hole)



graf-fi'to (græ-fe'to) N. (From Italian "graffio" — a scratching) A rude inscription, drawing, or the like, found on rocks, walls, etc.

# Kilroy Was Here!

Somehow the Webster's Dictionary definition didn't seem to do credit to the colorful tradition of graffiti.

Because, in addition to "rocks and walks," there were also doors, desks, bridges, street signs, and sometimes the streets themselves — almost nothing escaped the feel of a late night spray of paint.

So, while the literate and the nearly-so chose to express themselves publically, city po-

lice and school authorities started to crack down on "midnight scrawlers" after their works found their way onto surrounding roads and schools.

Many students, however, continued to display their name, class, or favorite drink in the traditional and "acceptable" place: on the Southern Railway bridge near the school. Painted and repainted and repainted, the bridge has been used as a signpost for students

to make themselves known to passers-by.

And so, though they were sometimes punished and often interrupted by glaring headlights, the tradition of graffiti was kept very much alive by Ragsdale's resident . . . 'KIL-ROYS!'

The popularity of 'ghost busting' carries over to the redecorating of a school's dumpsters. (T Hole)

as a signpost for Ragsdale students, the Southern Railway bridge is a colorful distraction for traffic coming into Jamestown. Often repainted each weekend, the bridge often showed the attitudes and desires of the student body. (T. Hole)

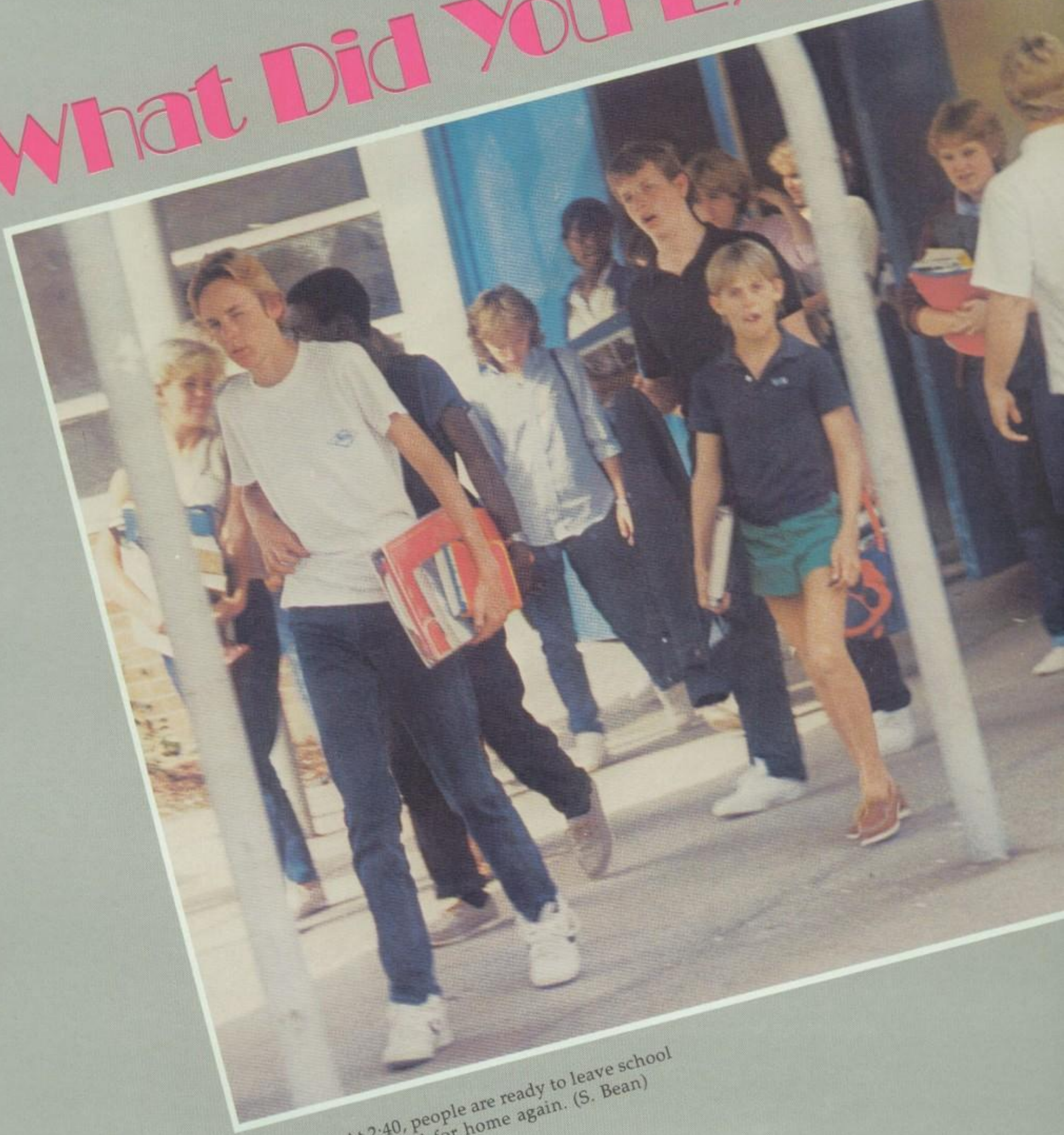


Lee Payne becomes "We pay!" in a show of political piracy. (T. Hole)

Displaying a bad case of 'Seniortitis,' several upperclassmen autographed a nearby school. (T. Hole)



# What Did You Expect?



At 2:40, people are ready to leave school and head for home again. (S. Bean)



# Personalities

Every year students have to contend with homework, jobs, and the demands that life places upon them. But even in a world full of people, each was able to retain their own personality to make life a more enjoyable experience.

The students of this school remained the driving force of spirit and unity as they always have. The rivalry between classes seemed to pick up as a new recruit of freshmen entered the scene to challenge the rest of the group.

Along with being involved in academics, organizations, and sports, they all took time out of their busy and hectic schedules for some rest and relaxation. To some, school may have been a necessary

evil, but to others it was a great place to receive a good education.

Teachers also constituted a portion of the people at Ragsdale, even though some never received the recognition that they deserved.

Many would have to agree that school was much more than a place for learning; it was also a place for growing both intellectually and emotionally. The students were much more than bodies placed in an organized institution of knowledge; they were people with a need for friendship and fun.

All in all, the personalities of this school did their best to make this a year to remember, and what a great year it was. But then again, What Did You Expect?



"I expected to make more friends than ever before since it was my senior year, and to have the most fun possible with everyone before my high school days ended here at Ragsdale."

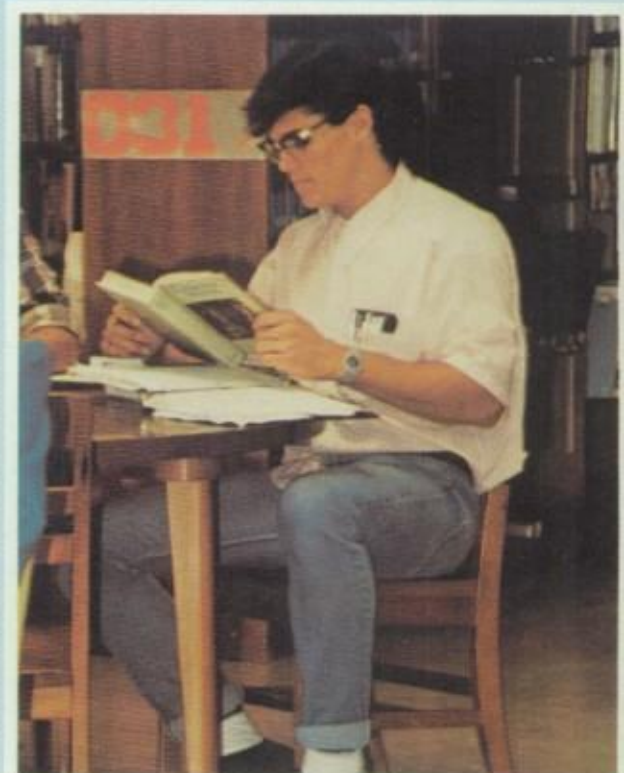
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# The Grand Finale

To show his spirit during spirit week, Steve Anderson tries to exemplify the look of the perfect student. (S. Bean)



"I really expected this year to be extra special because it was my last one with friends and teachers at Ragsdale," said Angela Shore. This same thought passed through the minds of many seniors. They also felt privileged to finally be at the top after three years of being underclassmen to former students of this rank. But what did it actually mean to be a senior, and what were the so-called advantages?

Most people thought a senior was a student who was in his or her last year of school, which was true. However, as most seniors knew, being a senior also meant being able to combine the good times of festivity with scholastic and domestic responsibilities.

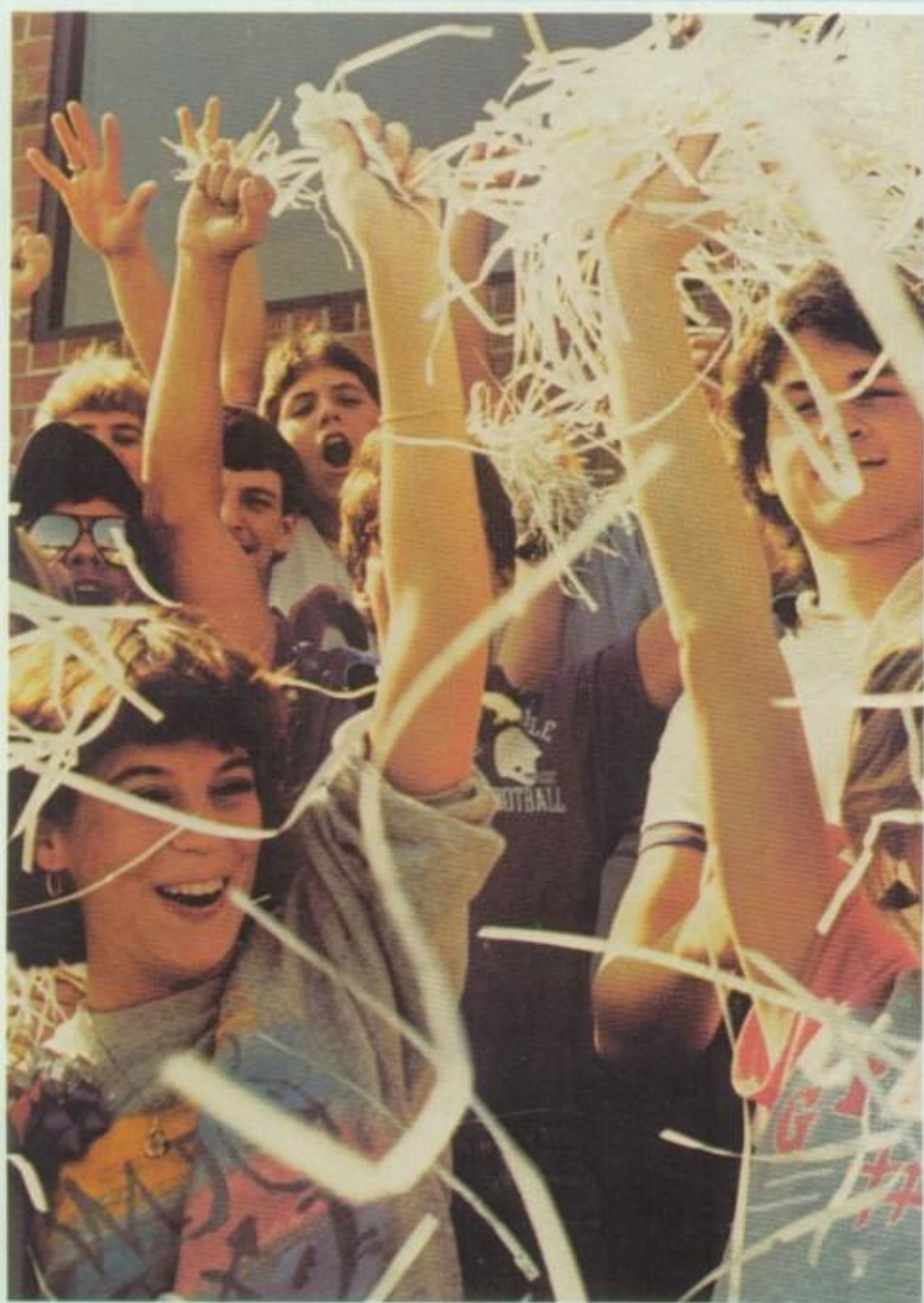
The senior year proved to be an expensive one for the most part as well as rewarding. Students were faced with purchasing caps

and gowns, pictures, invitations, and the expense of a prom which brought many pleasurable memories.

The rewards came when students gained the respect of underclassmen and teachers as young adults and future leaders. The year also proved to be more festive because of the enhanced, brightened senior unity and pep. Thus, they banded together in spirit to become a close circle of friends.

Overall, many of the expectations of seniors about their final year were fulfilled by the many good times along with the difficult ones. The ending of the year meant the beginning of new lives and dreams in the world as inspiring young adults.

The lunch period provides Greg Berry, Matt Tippet, and Robby Wall time enough to make weekend plans. (K. Baynes)



Pep rallies provided students with time enough to go wild and have a great deal of fun at the same time. (S. Bean)

The Senior Class Officers: Mary Ann Ward, Pres.; Elizabeth Gardner, V.P.; Megan Long, Sec.; Vanessa Perez, Treas.; M. Hodgins.







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Steve Anderson

Donna Andrews

Jeff Angel

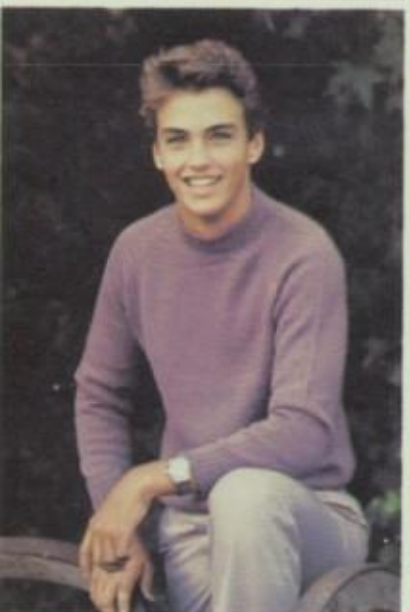


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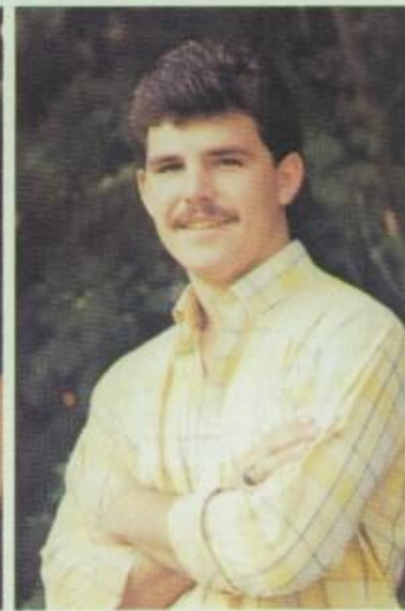


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Edward Compton

Mitch Cook

Jennifer Corn

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Kevin Cox

Robert Craft

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Roger Cullins

Michael Davis

Sharon Davis

Wanda Davis

Kelli Dennis

## A Cut Above The Rest



Displaying one of the most popular hairstyles for guys, Carl Little talks to a friend in the hall. (K. Baynes)

Fads came and went during the year 1984-1985, but the one that seemed to occupy more "waking hours" on the part of Ragsdale students was the haircut and hairstyle that made them look unique as individuals.

It was quite common to see a streak of red or blue on someone's head, a "bob" haircut resembling the popular style of the twenties, as well as hair that became lighter from week to week. The arrival of the "tail" haircut where one part of the hair, usually at the neckline, was longer than the rest, became very popular with both guys and gals.

Those students burdened with straight, unmanageable hair continued to go the route of a permanent. The tight, curly kind lent itself to an application of mousse for the "wet look" while the softer curl was good for those who just wanted body. In both cases the bearer usually had their "ears cut out" and there was little hair against the face.

Whatever the style or uniqueness of hair length, Ragsdale students appeared to always be "a cut above the rest!"

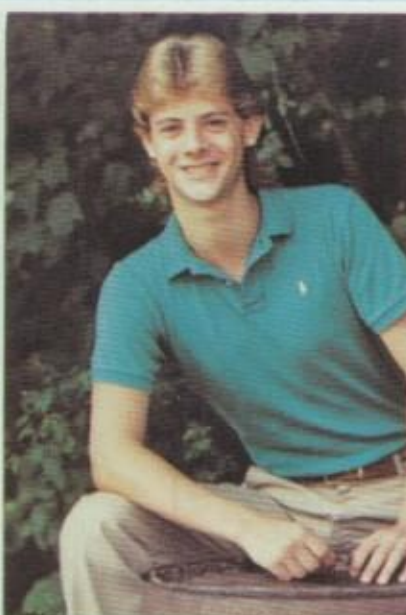


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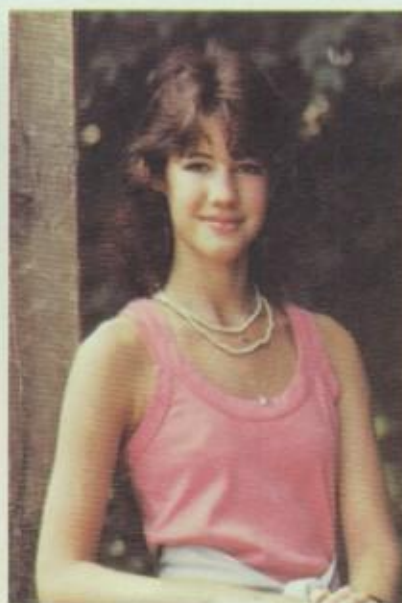
Terri Floyd

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Doris Ford







Rhonda Ford

Kim Freeman

Elizabeth Gardner

Wayne Gibson

Between classes, Brian Tuttle shows off his beach attire during spirit week. (K. Baynes)

## Through the Years

Tradition. It started during the summer with senior environmentalals and continued throughout the year ending with the long awaited senior beach trip.

Senior environmentalals were a big part of everyone's lives, always dreamed about since their freshman year by the students who had them taken. Yet one tradition that was looked upon with more excitement and enthusiasm was the fact that seniors were able to be exempt from final exams. After all, they worked hard enough all these years and deserved some kind of a break.

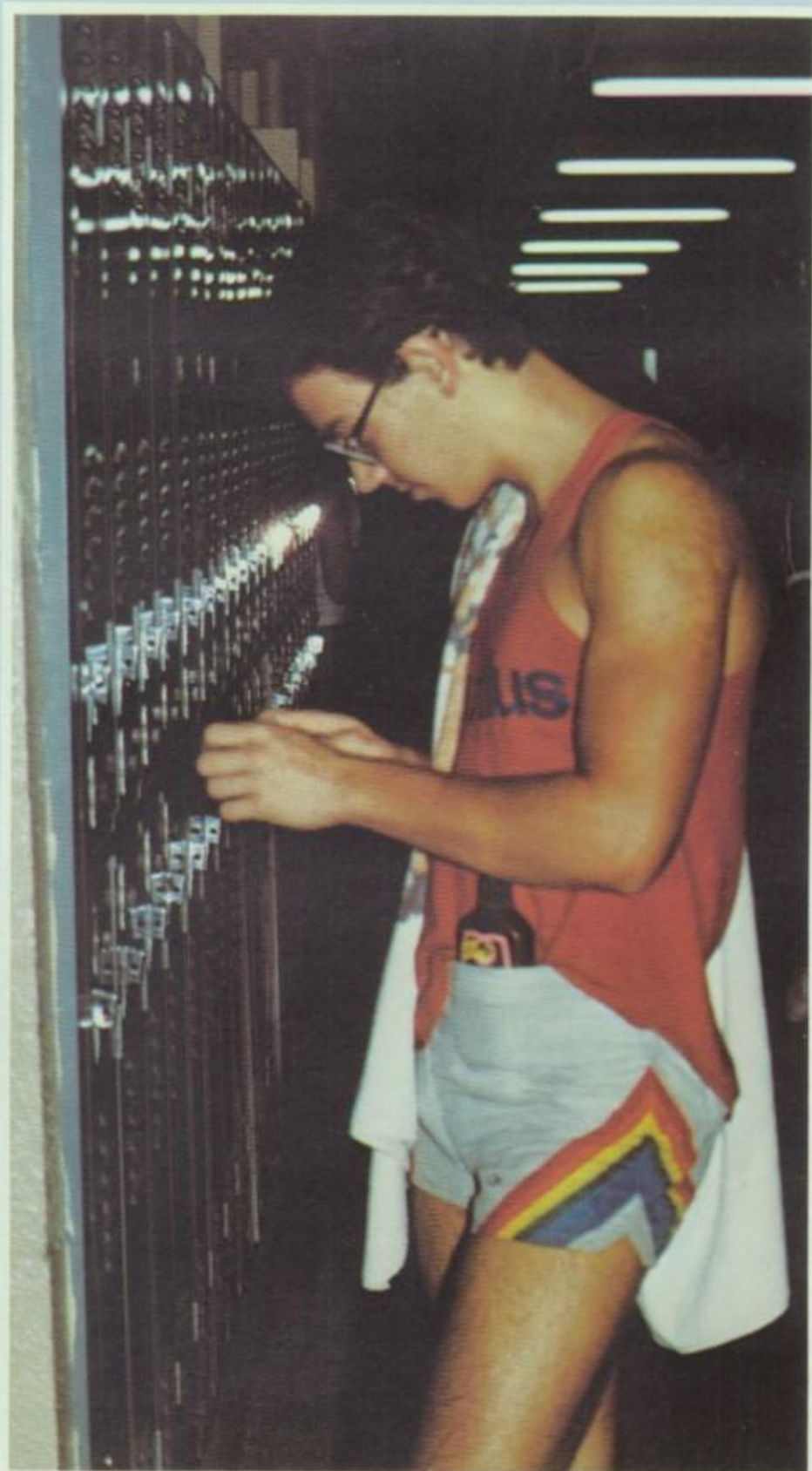
While being the oldest students at Ragsdale, seniors most

often proved to be the loudest. Whether at a pep rally or just in the halls they always managed to voice their opinions and add some kind of madness to the already built up chaos.

Accompanying the start of spring was the planning of the best known tradition of all, the senior beach trip. For weeks on end, the only conversations to be heard were those concerning the costs, fun, and excitement relating to this special event.

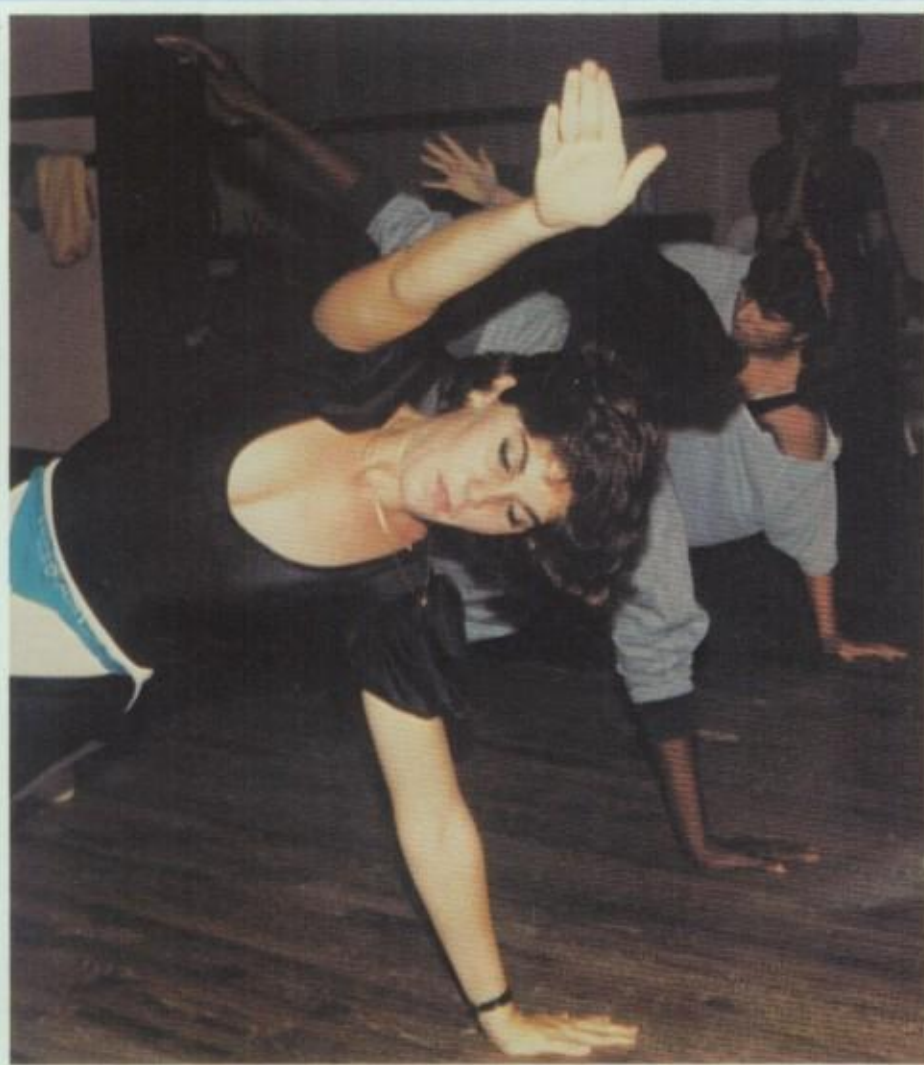
Thus, at the end of the year many juniors could be heard saying, "Wait until next year."

Starting her senior tradition, Angela Duff has her portrait taken. (K. Baynes)





Amy Barnes shows her ability during a physical fitness routine. (K. Baynes)



Tammy Hudson, Kim Spencer, Lori Kiser, and Liz Rivera work on their routine. (K. Baynes)



Sterling Gilreath



Kyle Glasgow



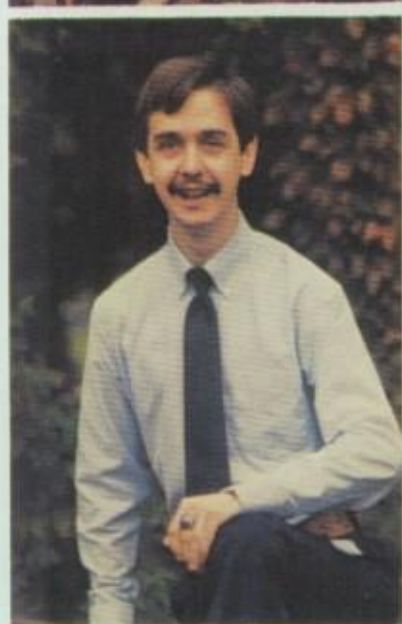
David Godbolt



Liesl Goyne



Kent Grainger



Lynda Greene



Kim Haithcock



Chanda Hall







# Sr. Pageantry

"What step's next?" "Is my mascara smeared?" "I hope my boyfriend is out there." What in the world would these remarks have to do with nineteen girls from Ragsdale?

These were just a few of the many frantic cries heard from the nineteen Junior Miss Pageant contestants. On November 10, 1984, several girls from the senior class participated in High Point's Junior Miss Pageant held in Southwest High School's auditorium. Among these girls were Donna Andrews, Amy Barnes, Sabrina Barts, Kelli Dennis, and Susan Dolejs. Also were Amy Farlow, Elizabeth Gardner, Tammy Hudson, Janet Ingle, Lorri Kiser, and Pam Maready. Julie Mitchell, Sherri Mullis, Vanessa Perez, Hope Pruden, Kim Ricketts, Liz Rivera, Robin Mabe, and Kim Spencer were

contestants also.

These girls put a great deal of hard work into the preparations necessary for the pageant. Before the final competition, they were all required to do several creative projects such as planning a dinner party and naming their hairstyle.

During the pageant, the girls performed a physical fitness routine, a poise and appearance routine, and their own talent. Their talents included a large variety such as dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, and presenting dramatic monologues.

It was obvious that the Junior Miss Pageant was a very important part of the girls' senior years. The many hours of practice, close to five hours a week, seemed to pay off on the final evening of competition.



**Ann Hanna**

**Amy Hanson**

**Donald Harris**

**Chris Harrison**



**Lloyd Haynes**

**Allen Hewett**

**Lisa Hill**

**Tim Hole**



Derek Holland

Tammy Hudson

Mary Hunter

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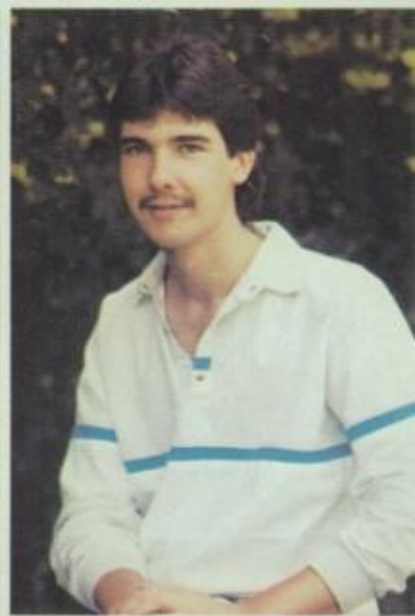


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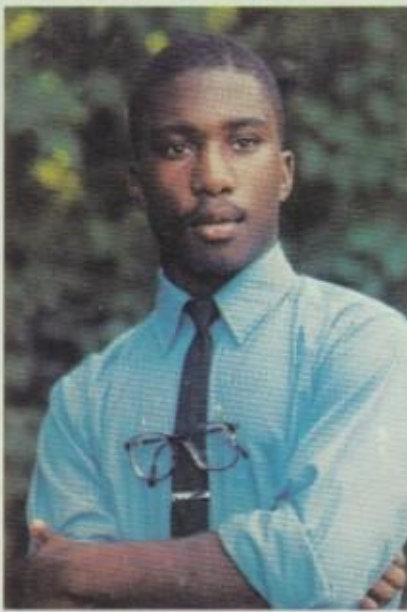


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Kenneth Jackson

Pamela Jackson

Tammy Jackson

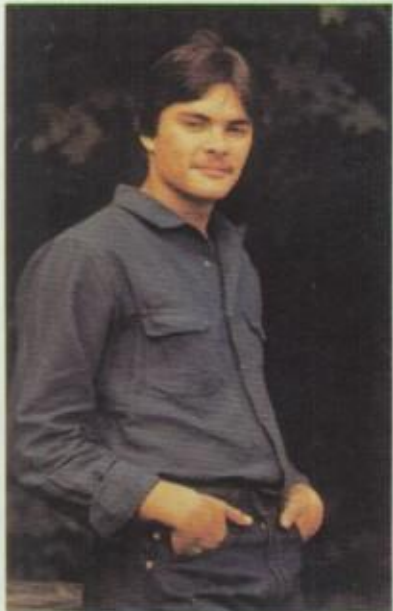


Dwight Jarvis

Kathryn Johnston

Kenny Jones

Tammy Keem





**Political signs** and billboards are a common sight around election time. These signs were put up on the southern end of our campus. (S. Bean)



## Vote

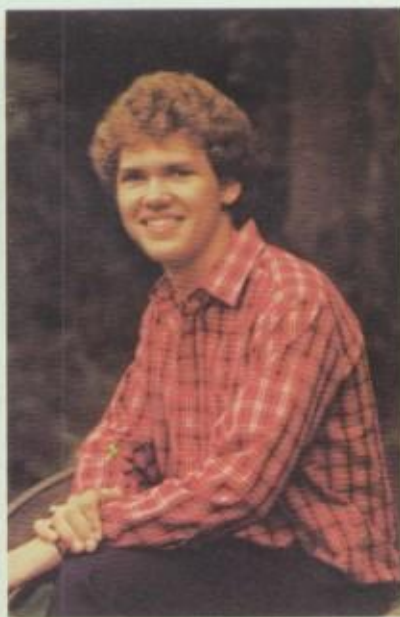
This year, we, the people, will make important decisions on who will lead this country for the next few years. In the 1984 elections, leadership positions from the local to national level will be decided. In this year's Presidential race, former Vice-President Walter Mondale is challenging President Reagan. Locally, Governor Jim Hunt is trying to take Senator Helms senate seat. Ever since 1976, when the 26th Amendment was passed to allow 18 years olds to vote, the young people's vote has been an important one for candidates. Most students are found to be conservative.



Chuck Kesler



Mark Kidd



Gary King



Sherry Kirkman



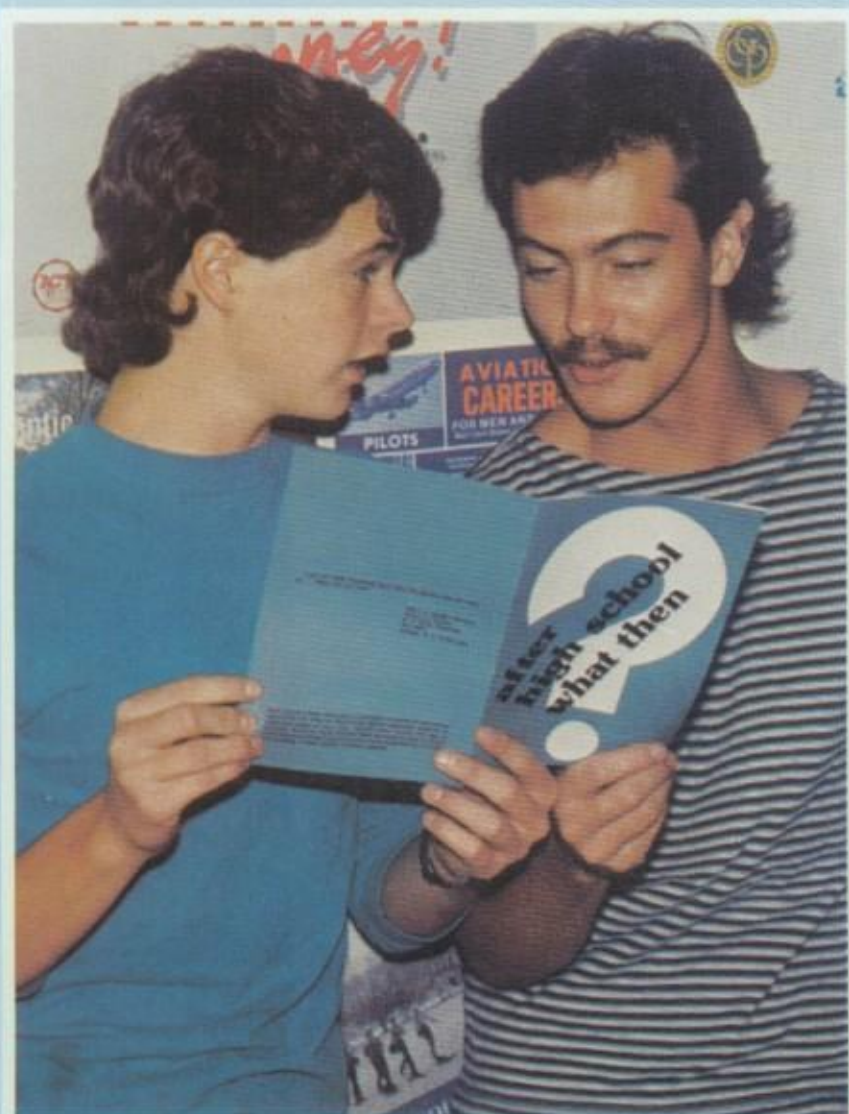
Lorri Kiser



Jamie Lanning



**Relaxing during break,** Derek Holland and Rusty Saxon discuss their futures.  
(K. Baynes)



## On Their Way

Freedom, responsibility, and hard work; those are only a few words that describe our seniors' up and coming years in school. Most of the seniors will be heading on to college after graduation, and with this will come intense studying and memories that will last a lifetime. Kenny Jones replied, "I'm really looking forward to getting out on my own and having a good time!" Along with the "good times" at college, like meeting new people and going to parties and athletic competitions, the college bound seniors will have to readjust their lives. They will have harder and larger classes, and probably a much heavier work load. Rusty Saxon responded, "College will be a great experience that I'm really

looking forward to." Almost all of the seniors are anticipating fine years ahead and are excited about attending college. Some of the major college choices are: State, Carolina, East Carolina, Western, Wilmington, Appalachian, UNCG, and GTCC, but a few of our seniors will attend private schools like Peace, Meredith, or Guilford.

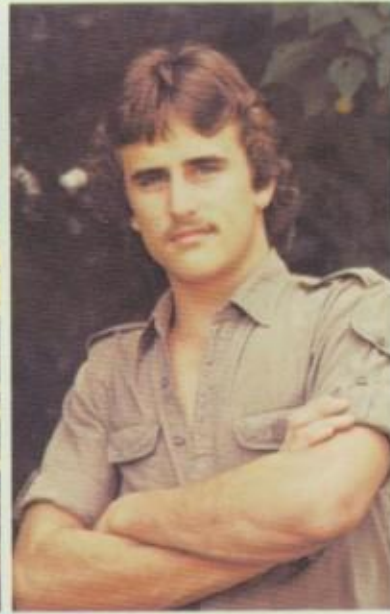
For many of the seniors, years of preparation have gone into the choice of a college. SAT scores, college entrance exams, applications, grade point averages, and study habits are only a few of the factors that have gone into the making of a school selection. Wherever you're planning to attend school this fall, congratulations, seniors, you've earned it.



**While attending college night,** James Rider discusses his future with a college representative. (K. Baynes)

**Fulfilling a requirement** for college, Tammy Hudson and Colleen Ivory prepare for the SAT. (K. Baynes)





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Thomas Lewis

Carl Little

Megan Long

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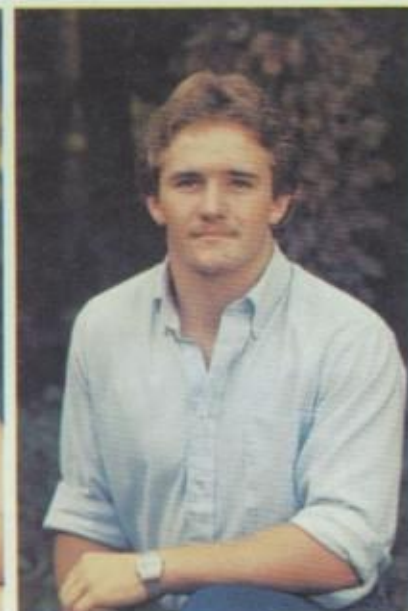


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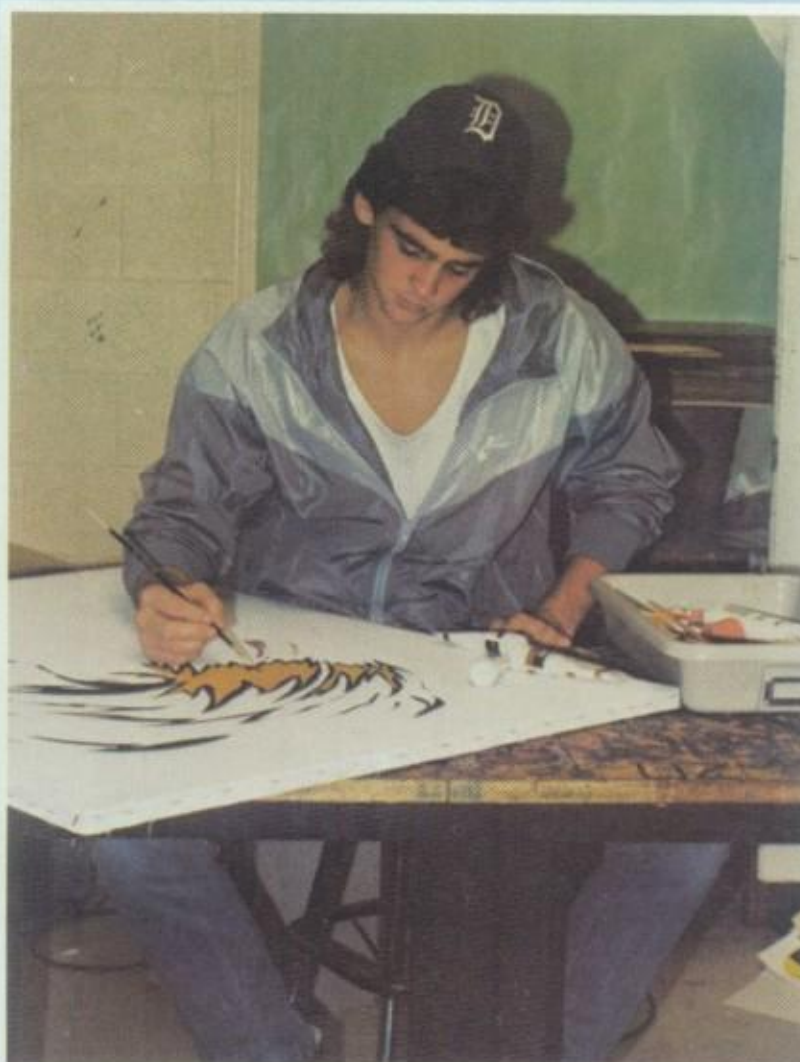
Sara Matthews

Amy McCormick





Brad Cates found that art was not only a classroom subject, but it was also one of his favorite pastimes. (T. Hole)



Art proved to be an interesting but difficult challenge for Brad Cates. (T. Hole)

# It's Art

Often, the most popular form of art at Ragsdale was that seen on the Jamestown bridge; however, there were those who gave more serious thought to the sketching and painting involved in the creation of 'minor masterpieces'.

The art classes at Ragsdale were offered to all the students that were interested in developing their artistic talents, even if their idea of realistic painting was a stick figure with a smile. "Art involves about 10% talent and 90% hard work," students were told as they began the classes. They then began the hard work with exercises in shading and contouring as well as realistic sketching. Examples of the art work by Ragsdale students could have been found in the halls of the school.

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Scott McGugan

Van McKay

Brian McKee



Rodney Melton

Julie Mitchell

Suzette Moon

Kim Moore



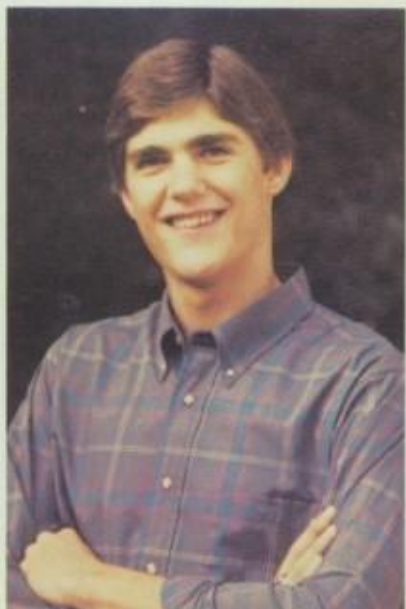




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Richard Patterson  
Christy Pearce



Richie Pearson  
Eric Pederson  
Jeff Peele  
Kim Perdue



# Ready to Fight

A beeper goes off, a siren wails, and the members of the Sedgefield-Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Department rush to wherever their services are desperately needed. One of those volunteers is a senior here at Ragsdale. Phil-

lip Wray has been a member of the Sedgefield-Pinecroft Fire Department for three years. Phillip joined because he is interested in search and rescue work and plans to make it a career.

Over his three years

of service, Phillip has been on a variety of calls ranging from car wrecks to house fires. Before he could become a fireman, Phillip had to go through 4 months of training with the fire department.

Constant care and inspection of fire equipment is a must. Phillip, here, inspects an oxygen tank on one of the fire engines. (S. Bean)

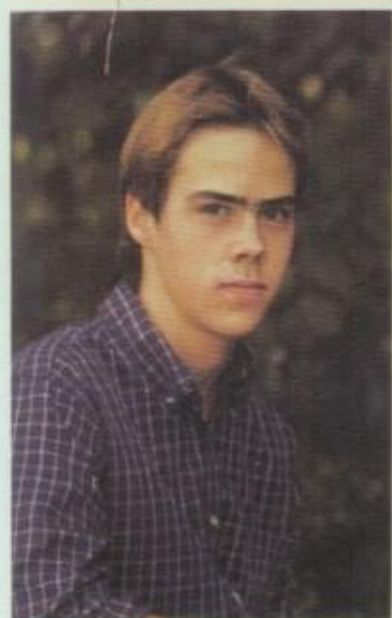
Phillip Wray has been a member of the Sedgefield-Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Department for three years. (S. Bean)



Vanessa Perez



Tricia Pierce



Mike Pittman



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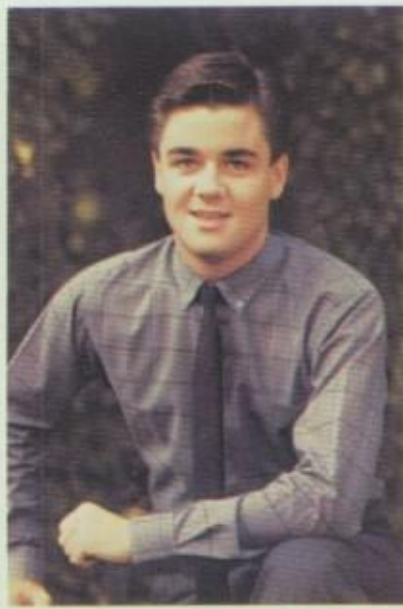
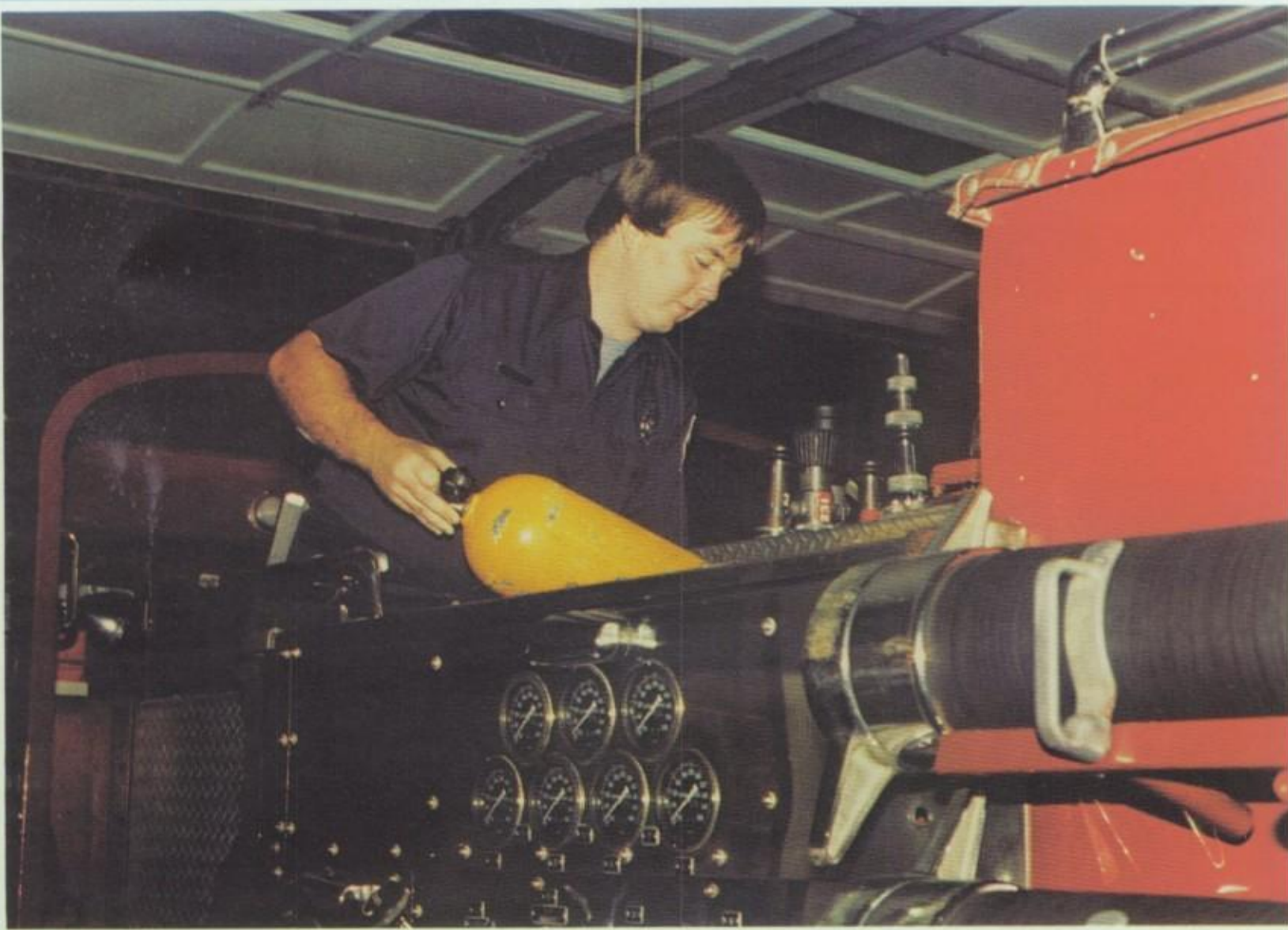


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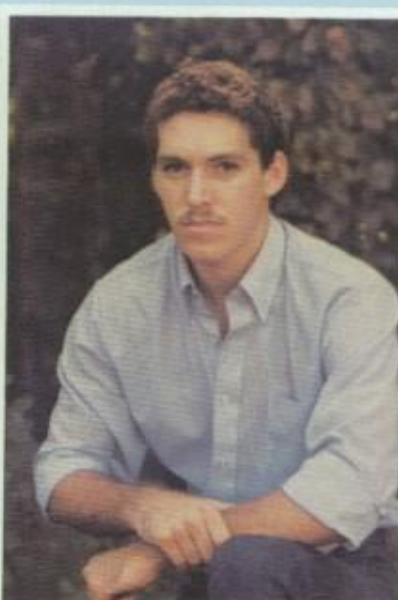
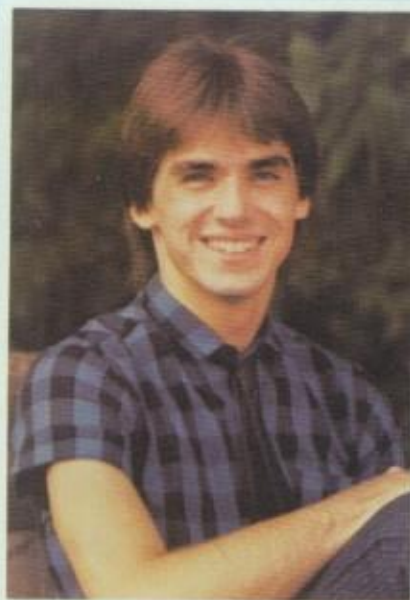


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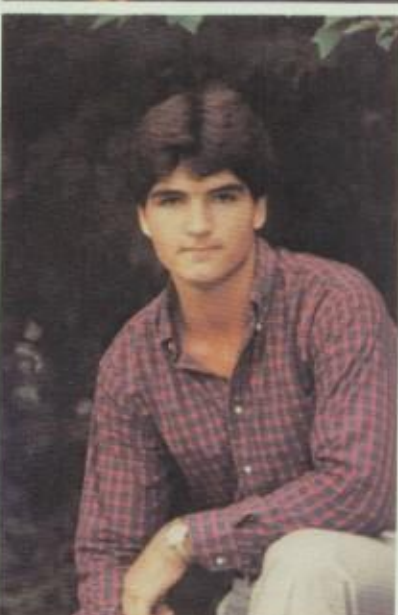
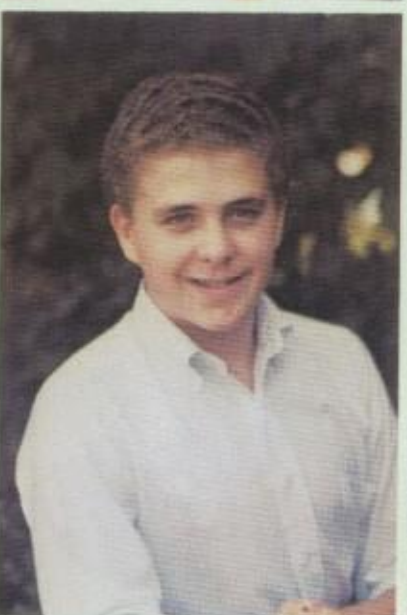
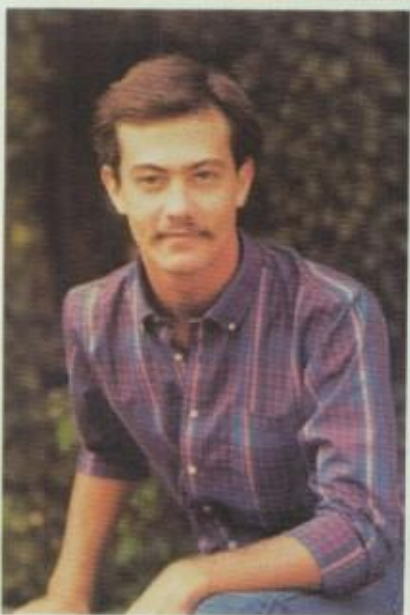


Rusty Saxon

Mark Schadt

Jim Scheil

Debbie Searcy



## Break-time!

Lockers slammed! Wheels spun — the race was on! It was 2:40 on any given Friday, and the only word in the thought process was WEEKEND — a time to break loose from the pressures of assignments, tests and tight schedules.

What better way to unwind on an autumn Saturday than going to a park. It might have been a game of touch football, a walk or a jog, but it all served the same purpose — a release of stored energy, some relaxation, and a sense of freedom.

For many students breaking loose meant earning extra money. Retail stores, restaurants, the spring and fall furniture markets and recreational facilities employed quite a few Ragsdale students.

Saturday and Sunday was a

time to sit glued to the tube with its football, basketball, movies and music videos. It was even more common to find empty Coke bottles and chip bags laying around the sofa in the den or living room.

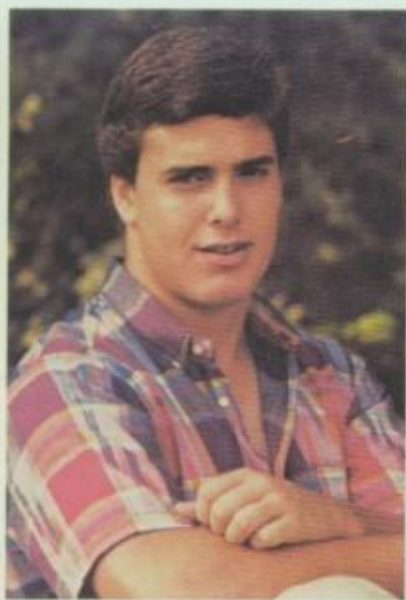
A tiger who found himself turned loose caught up on lost sleep and never set an alarm clock on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On those days the body never stirred before noon-time.

Whatever the method of relaxation, whatever the activity, the weekend served as a means to regroup one's thoughts, and make plans for the week ahead with its usual assignments.

To earn extra money, Colleen Ivory works at K & K Toys on the weekend. (S. Bean)







**Margo Shankland**

**Billy Shaw**

**Angela Shore**

**Shannon Shuping**



**Michael Siegel**

**Olivia Smith**

**Kim Spencer**

**Joyce Stanley**



**Enjoying their break from school, Michael Siegal and Robbie Wall visit City Stage in downtown Greensboro. (K. Baynes)**



Tim Staton

Audra Stevenson

Gini Stevens

Sterling Stiles



Stephanie Stokely

Leslie Strickland

Mary Stroud

Rosetta Stroud



Cynthia Sutphin

Linda Sweezer

Lynn Swisher

Theresa Tate



Bernadette Thomas

David Thomas

Cindy Thorton

John Threatt





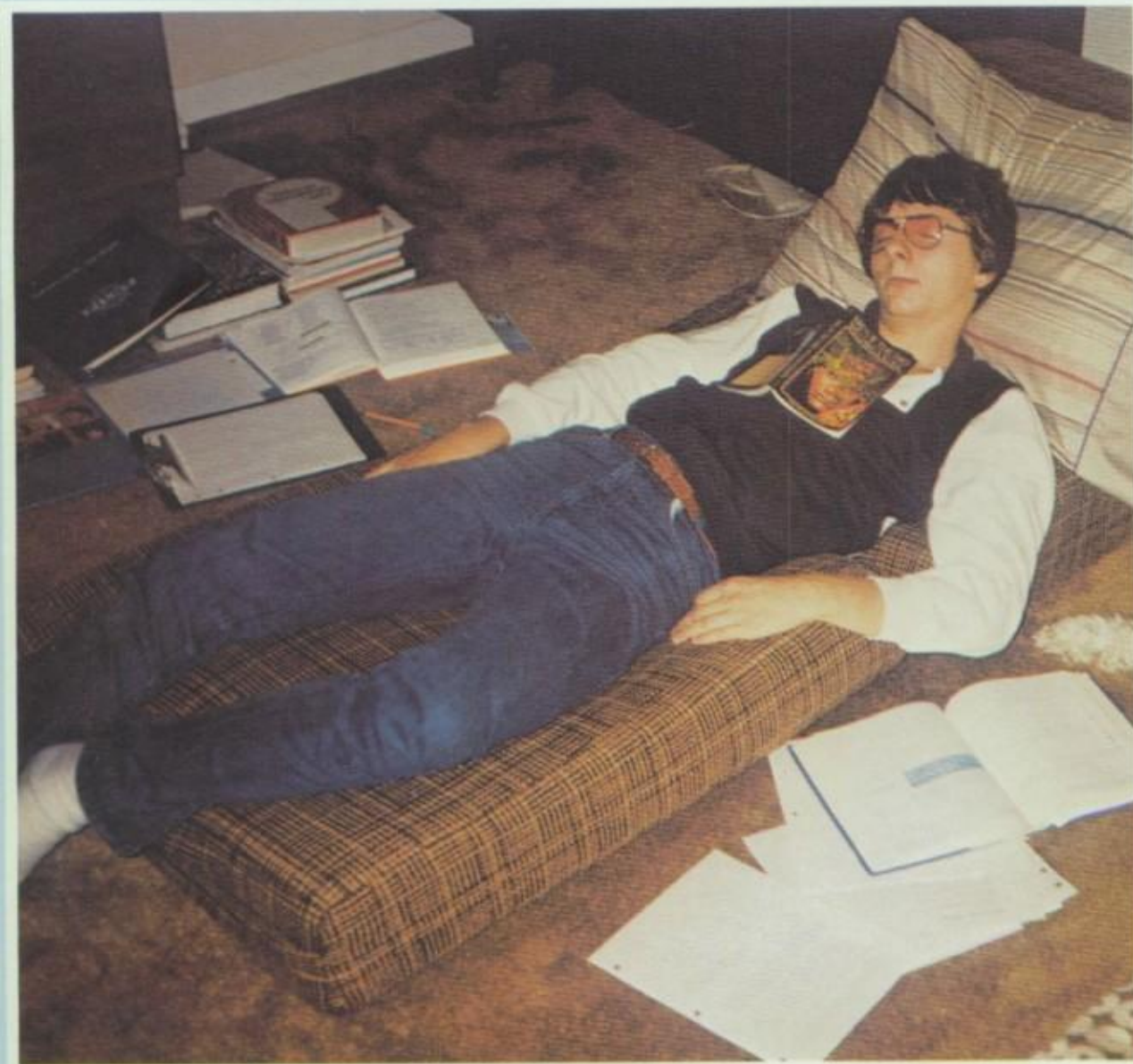
# Frazzled

Remember those late night hours spent sitting at a desk trying to write an English paper for the next day, or maybe studying for a test that you forgot about until the night before? For many seniors, there were plenty of times when they had to burn the midnight oil.

Many people have often heard the expression "taking your work to bed with you." For the academic orientated students, some did exactly that. However, instead of counting sheep, they memorized biology terms or trig functions throughout the night.

Trying to make the grade and be a good student sometimes made the seniors want to scream. Some even gave up such things as watching a favorite TV show, skipping dinner, or even going out with friends. But all was not done without a purpose. Most of the late night jam sessions with books payed off in one way or another, especially for those seniors who wanted to do well enough to be accepted into the college of their choice.

**Henry Burkard** is caught here by his mom at 1:00 a.m. trying to finish a novel for Mr. Carroll's class. (M. Burkard)



**Mark Tippet**



**Matthew Tippet**



**Henry Todd**



**Cheryl Traynham**



**Cynthia Trone**



**Eddie Turner**



**Brian Tuttle**



**Mark Wainscott**





Robbie Wall



Felicia Wallace



Mary Ann Ward



Ron Ward



Eric Wardlaw



Pamela Washington



Timothy Weems



Doug Wentz



Keith White



Jimmy Whitten



The Senior Class of 1985 constructed a float shown here for the 25th Homecoming. This is the first float constructed in many years for Homecoming. (M. Hodgins)

Shown at the Homecoming pep rally, the Senior class displays their school spirit in hopes of winning the pep rally meg. On this particular day, they were successful. (M. Hodgins)

## Alive Again

In the past three years at Ragsdale, the Class of '85 has progressed from a class that had little school spirit to one that had overwhelming spirit. This can be seen at pep rallies, athletic events, bridge graffiti, and overall attitudes of the students. The progressive rise in spirit among classes through the years is not uncommon. The thrill of finally becoming a senior and being on top all adds to this rise in the students feelings and attitudes towards their class and school.

Even though the senior

year is undoubtedly the hardest academic year, the Class of '85's spirit was never low. Difficult classes such as Physics, Honors English, and Yearbook put heavy pressures on seniors this year. The senior class this year constructed a float for Homecoming. This was the first float built in many years for Homecoming. Also the '85 graffiti on the train bridge in Jamestown exemplifies the spirit of the senior class. One can certainly tell the spirit of the Class of '85.



J. C. Williams

Wanda Williams

Lisa Wilson

Lloyd Winslow



Karen Wise

Andy Wolfe

Jeff Woodburn

Phillip Wray



# Third of Four

Year three for the class of 1986 provided a number of highlights and made it a year worth remembering. It was officially three down and one to go!

The members of the junior class found themselves taking the SAT, thinking seriously about career choices, and working toward a decision on whether to go to college, a technical or community college, or enter the job market upon graduation. In preparation for this juniors completed research papers, took any number of tests, and found themselves knee deep in homework. In addition to their schoolwork, some students even took on part-time jobs.

On the lighter side, the junior class was filled with a sense of school pride as they received the spirit stick at the first pep rally and got the Homecoming Spirit Week Award. Even though the decorating of displays was cancelled, the juniors managed to meet at a fellow classmate's house to create an exhibit to show during the twenty-fifth homecoming pep rally.

Along with the good times and close friendships, juniors could be characterized by the great anticipation of their senior year.

**Preparing to sell pumpkins** at Hinshaw Methodist Church, Daniel Fowler helps unload the truck. (K. Baynes)

In an attempt to show their school spirit, these juniors come clad in sunglasses to a pep rally. (K. Baynes)



**Junior Class Officers:** Misty McCall, treas., Richard Miller, pres., Stephanie Rawls, sec., Melissa Trone, vice pres. (K. Baynes)

**While eating lunch,** Amie Highfill and Tonya Quick display their anticipation for the homecoming pep rally. (K. Baynes)







Pam Allison  
Amy Allred  
Catherine Allred  
Vincent Amico  
Michelle Apple  
Phillip Aydelette  
Tracey Babb  
Lisa Baker

Melissa Ball  
Yvonne Barber  
Scott Barker  
Maria Batista  
Ken Baynes  
Scott Bean  
Dawn Beasley  
Bobby Beeson

Leslie Bender  
Jenny Bennett  
Bobby Blackwelder  
Cami Bond  
Larry Boyd  
Kenny Brackett  
Rolona Brown  
Amy Bryant

Cindy Buffey  
Kathy Burcham  
Donna Camp  
Paul Capra  
Lisa Carroll  
Brent Carter  
Charles Cashatt  
Nancy Catoe

Christa Chapman  
Robby Charles  
Jean Clark  
Lance Clark  
Bryan Clodfelter  
Donna Collins  
William Collins  
Debbie Compton

Robbie Corey  
Paul Couture  
Kim Craft  
Steve Daniels  
Tod Davis  
Jill Deck  
Renee Dillon  
Brian Doby

Jay Dodson  
Donald Dohm  
Scott Dove  
Jesse Draughn  
Vanessa Dunlap  
David A. Durham  
David Durham  
Teresa Elks

Jim Fahning  
Richie Fluharty  
Edwin Flynn  
Aretha Ford  
Amy Foster  
Leigh Ann Foster  
Daniel Fowler  
Brad Frazier

Julia Frost  
Steve Fuller  
Steven Gollehon  
Warren Grant  
Mike Gray  
Dale Green  
Jana Greer  
Cindy Griffin



# A Change of Pace

Moving in the junior year of high school can be quite an adjustment, especially when the move is from one country to another. Such was the case for Susanna Malmquist who came to Ragsdale from Gothenburg, Sweden.

A native of Sweden, Susanna found Ragsdale friendly, but strict. She was thrilled to learn that, unlike her former high school, classes ended at 2:40 p.m. Among the subjects she took, French IV was her favorite. In this class she was able to offer first-hand information, having lived in France for one year.

One difference Susanna noted between Ragsdale and her school in Sweden involved lunch. All lunches were free in Sweden and the food was more tasteful than it is here.

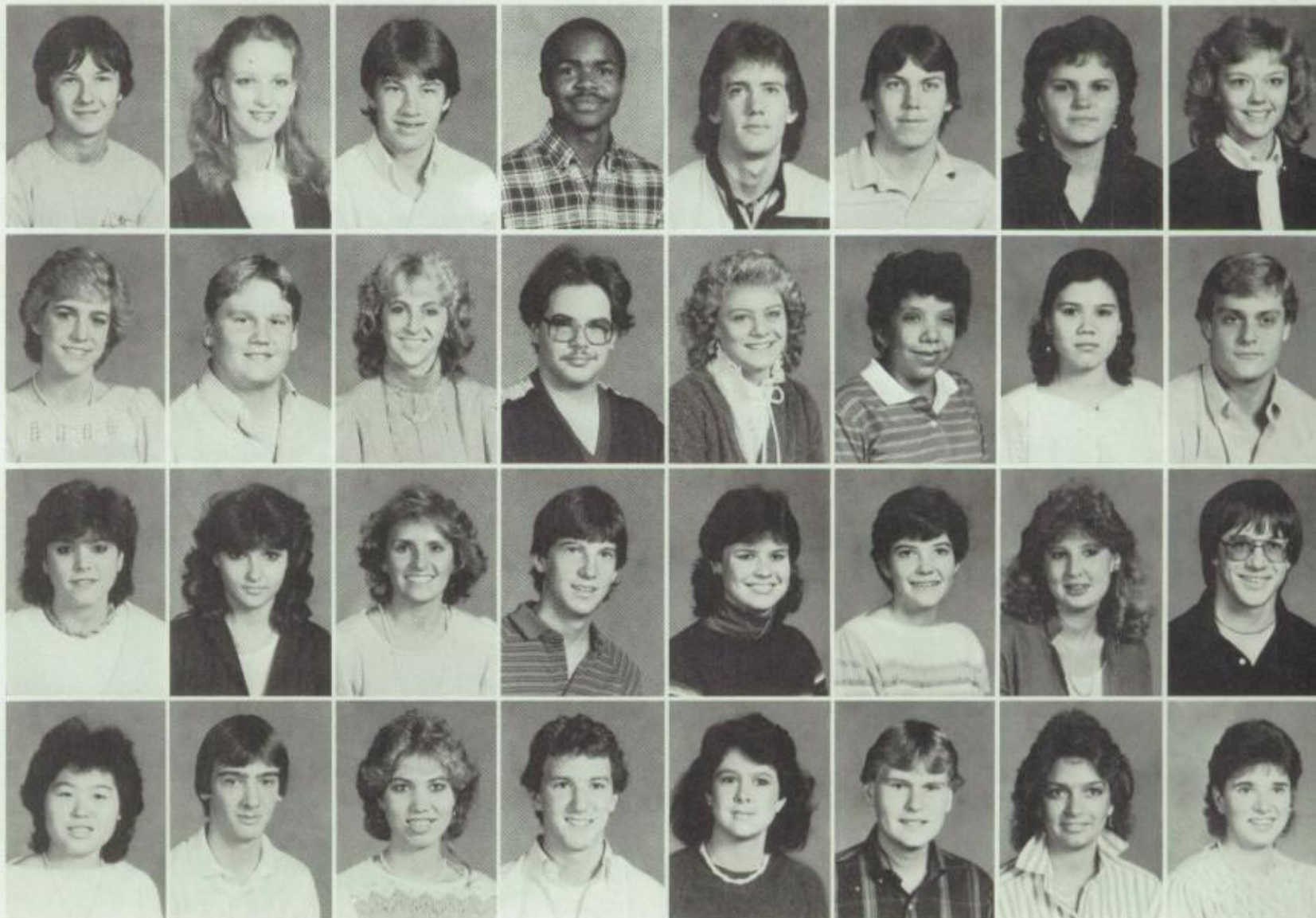
Although most of Susanna's belongings came with her when she arrived in the United States, she did leave her two horses behind, one of which was on its way here. Her love for horseback riding has afforded her the opportunity of teaching children how to ride. In addition to horseback riding, Susanna enjoys snow skiing and listening to music.

Even though she missed her friends in Sweden, Susanna made a lot of new ones and had a good year at Ragsdale.



While in her Algebra II class, Susanna Malmquist listens attentively to Mr. Gaines. (K. Baynes)

Scott Hall  
Melissa Harrelson  
Bobby Harris  
Patrick Harris  
Mark Hicks  
Michael Hidle  
Amie Highfill  
Susanne Hill  
  
Stacy Holaday  
Nick Hopman  
Cheryl Houseworth  
Hughes Hoyle  
Andee Huber  
Jane Hull  
Mary Hutchins  
Robert Ihrig  
  
Donna Jackson  
Beverly Jenkins  
Becky Johnson  
Tommy Johnson  
Kathy Jones  
Michelle Jones  
Carole Joyner  
Patrick Kalembe  
  
Sinae Kang  
Richie Kauffman  
Dennie Kendrick  
Shannon Kenner  
Beth Kerr  
Alan Kersey  
Rochelle King  
Kristi Kinney







Terri Kirkpatrick  
Mimi Lee  
Eddie Lewis  
Michael Lewis  
Sheila Lilly  
Mike Long  
Steve Long  
Elizabeth Lore

Michael Lowry  
Veera Madhure  
Susanna Malmquist  
Angie Marshall  
Cheri Martin  
Marty Mason  
Tommy Mata  
Misty McCall

Cindy McCoy  
Terri McGinn  
Sherri McMahan  
Mike McMillan  
Chad Meadows  
Anna Michael  
Lynne Miller  
Richard Miller

Keith Misenheimer  
Todd Misenheimer  
Rick Money  
Jennifer Morphis  
Ben Morton  
Melissa Neal  
Wendy Neel  
Nancy Nichols

Susan Nichols  
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Sean Oliver  
Jin Park  
Terri Patterson

## Ready, Set – Pig Out!

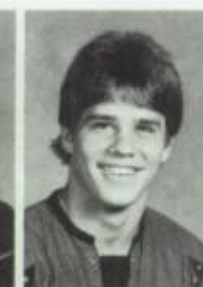


Attempting to win the Pizza Eating Contest, Kevin Williams takes one last bite. (M. Hodgin)

"Keep eating! Keep eating!" roared the crowd. This was quite a strange chant to direct at Ragsdale football players and a coach. However, on Saturday, November 10th, Kevin Williams, Andre Walker, and Coach Taro sat themselves down at tables in the Pizza Hut parking lot to compete against four other area high schools in a Pizza Eating Contest. There was no doubt about it — juniors enjoyed going out for pizza and Kevin was no exception. It was not until the sixth round that he and the other members of the team decided they had had enough, eliminating Ragsdale from the contest.



Carla Payne  
Mark Porter  
Julie Powell  
John Pratt  
Bobby Prentice  
Steve Prentzas  
Tammy Preslar  
Bryan Proctor



Jeff Purvis  
Tonya Quick  
Stephanie Rawls  
Michael Ray  
Bill Roberts  
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Chris Sams



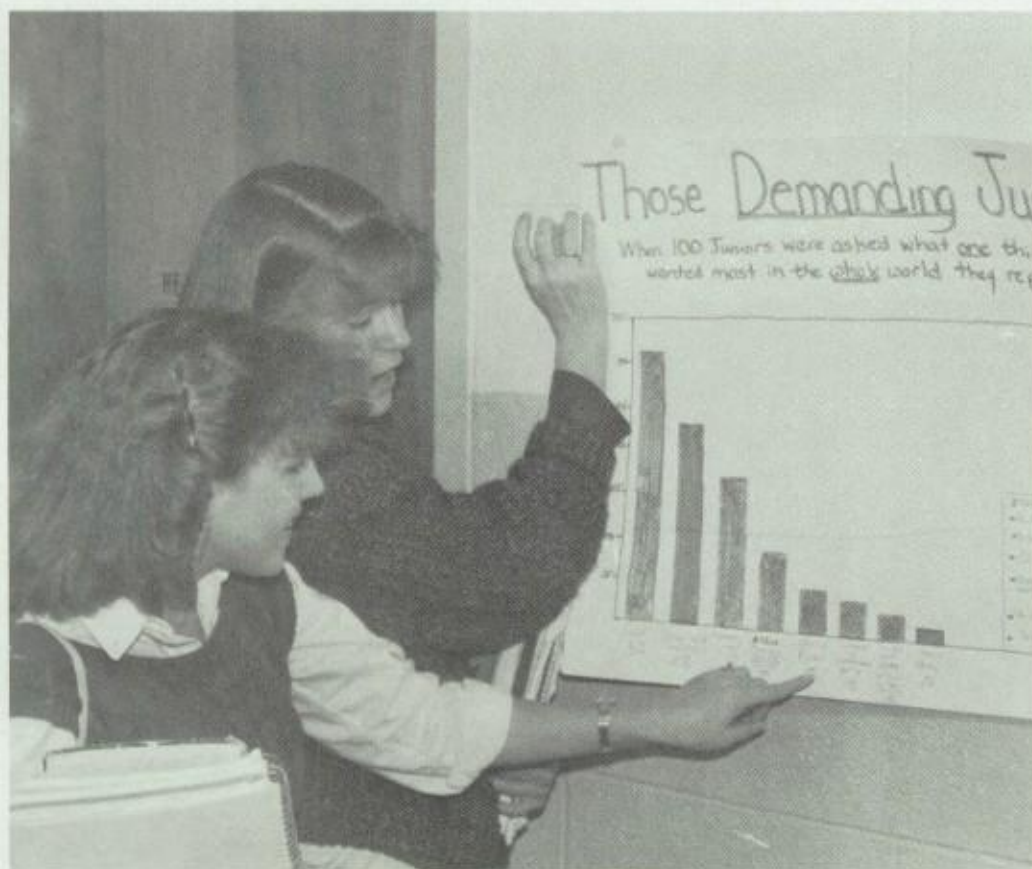
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Dee Smith  
Sunhee Song  
Lowell Speight  
Kim Staton  
Todd Sturdivant  
Sheila Swinton



Ronnie Sykes  
Brian Taylor  
Donna Thomas  
Taci Thomasson  
Brenda Thompson  
Mary Tope  
Melissa Trone  
Janie Underwood



## Why Wish Ordinary?



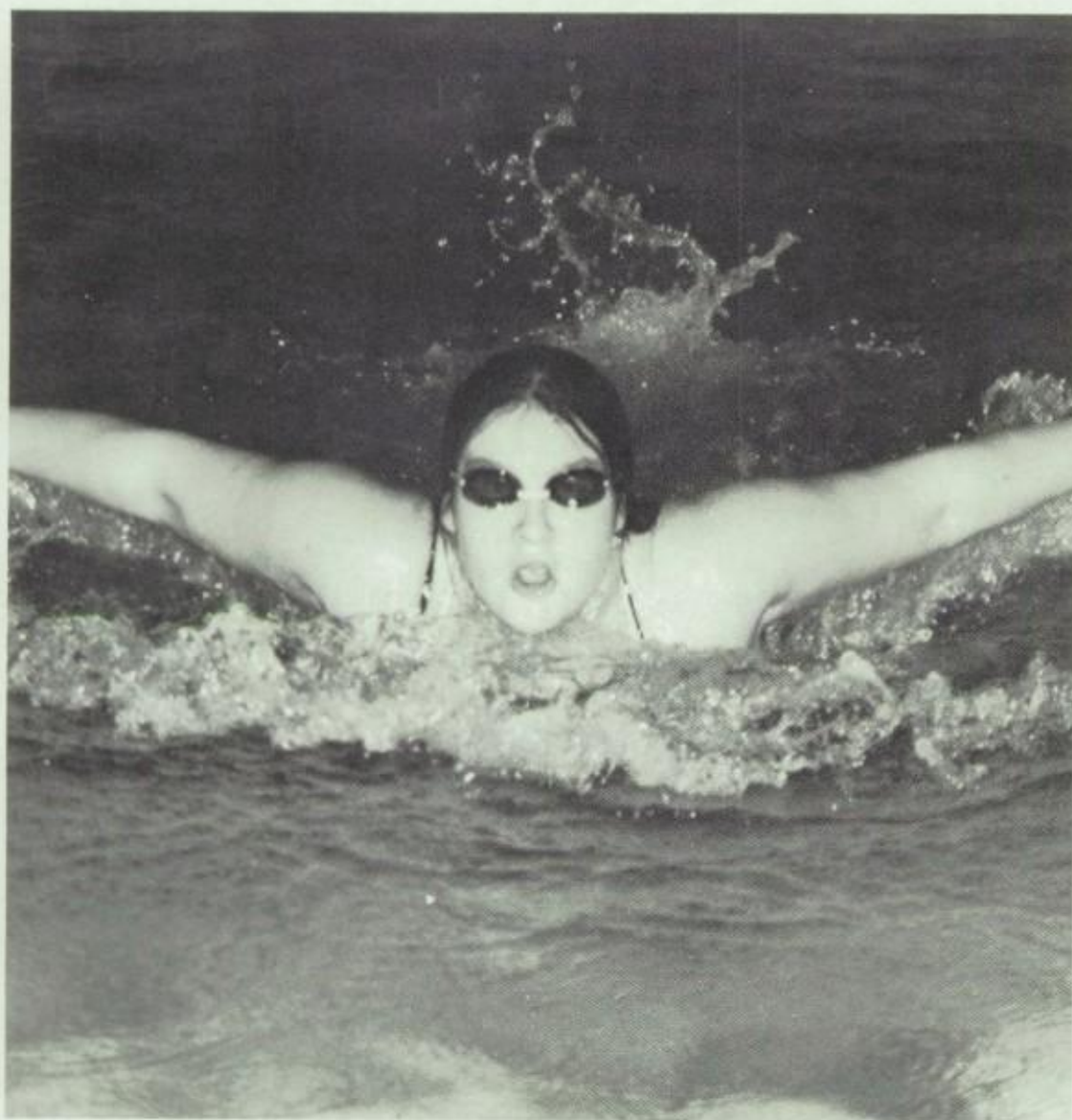
Looking at the statistics chart, these juniors check the results of the survey. (K. Baynes)

Star light, star bright, first star we see to-night. Wish we may, wish we might — have most everything in sight!

When one hundred juniors were polled during the year as to what they wished most for, the responses ranged widely from owning a Lambourgini to becoming the first black President of the United States. Sandwiched in between, according to rank, were happiness, money, continuously partying, receiving straight "A's," being two inches taller, getting a basketball scholarship, owning a private island, getting enough sleep, and going out with Steve Bauer, star of "Thieve of Hearts." Most juniors had many wishes in mind, finding it very difficult of identify only one. Junior Terri Kirkpatrick commented, "There are a lot of things I want, but most of all I want to be real happy." Overall, the juniors felt their wishes should not be small.



# Happiness Is . . . Swimming

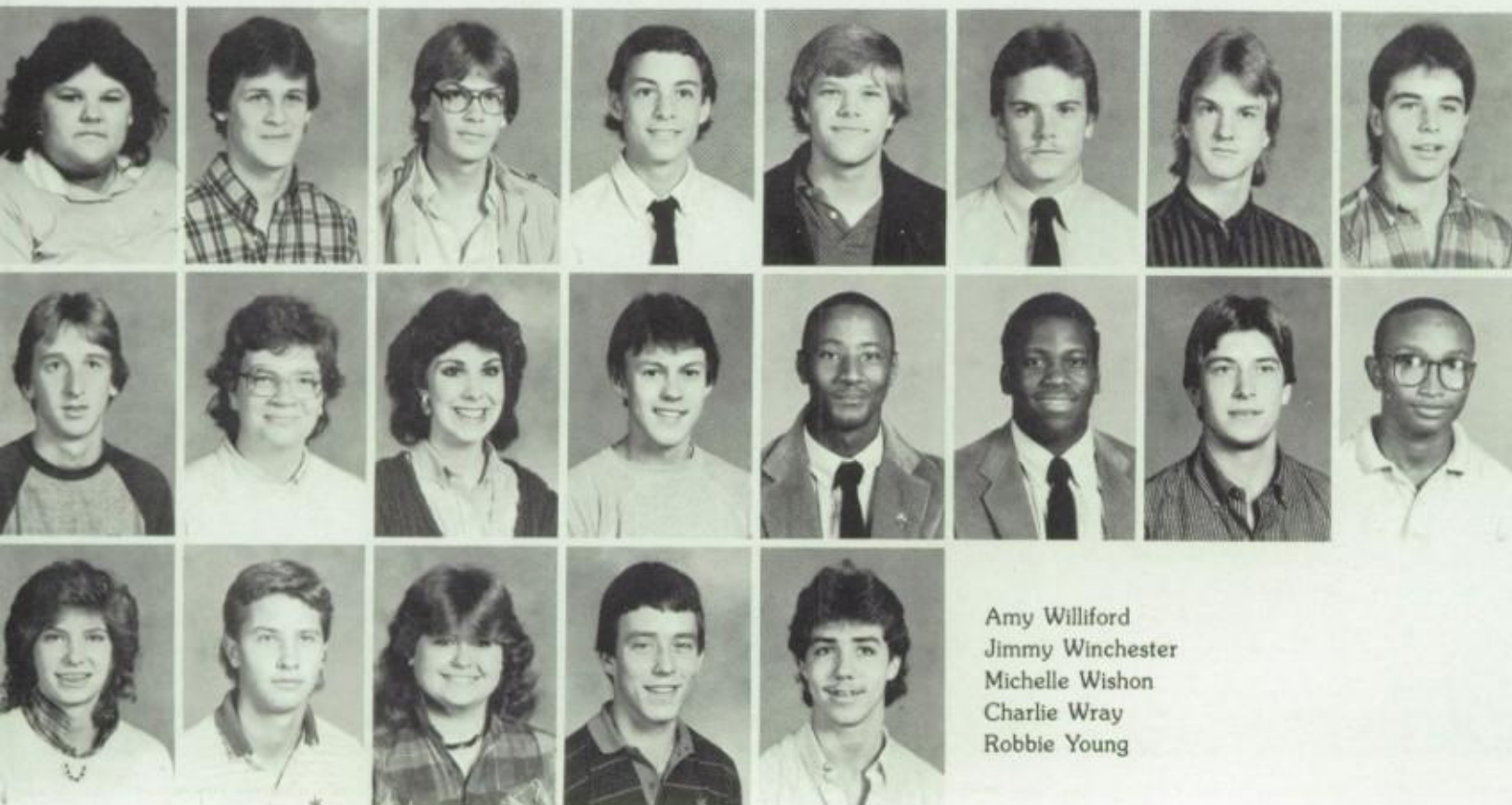


In order to meet her swimming goals, Cindy McCoy practices each day at Wendover Hills Pool. (M. Hodgins)

Splash! Splash! That is a sound that became so familiar to Cindy McCoy this past year as she swam lap after lap at Wendover Hills Pool. While most juniors were getting ready to relax or eat dinner, Cindy began a regimented two hours of practice each day as a member of High Point Swim Club. In addition to the daily practices, Cindy spent many weekends attending swim meets around the state.

Although this demanding schedule would turn most people off, Cindy worked diligently to accomplish her goals — "A" times in the various strokes. Since the age of six her swimming has netted numerous awards — over 75 ribbons, 30 medals, and 15 trophies. She recalls that her proudest accomplishment was getting an "A" time in the 400 individual medley, an event where the swimmer does 100 meters of each stroke. Cindy's favorite event is the 200 individual medley.

Perhaps the most unusual fact about junior Cindy McCoy is that with her demanding schedule, she maintained a high academic average. Ben Davis, Cindy's coach comments, "Cindy is the hardest worker in her workout group and is like another coach."



Patricia Upchurch  
Bryant Vaden  
Claude Vaden  
Jimmy VanDerWoude  
Jimmy Varner  
Jerry Wadsley  
Tracy Wagner  
Will Walker

Donnie Watts  
Jean Webster  
Dina Wesley  
P. J. West  
Kenneth Williams  
Kevin Williams  
Mark Williams  
Timothy Williamson

Amy Williford  
Jimmy Winchester  
Michelle Wishon  
Charlie Wray  
Robbie Young



# On the Way Up

A brand new car. This thought raced through many sophomores' minds as sweet sixteen approached. Along with a driver's license, many new responsibilities started to arise for the sophomore class. With a harder work schedule and more preparation required for class, many sophomores started to feel the pressure. The first big step toward college, the PSAT, was taken and sophomores began to realize what high school was all about.

Feeling a little older and a lot more mature, sophomores were seen a little more on Friday and Saturday nights. They also started to open up more and express themselves at school. This included in class, as well as such activities as pep rallies and sporting events.

The class of '87 also seemed to adjust a little better to the exams and to the more difficult classes. Although many students were relieved to hand the title of freshman to another group of students, they were still a little jealous of the upperclassmen, who were exempt from final exams. The sophomores were very proud of their class and strived to be the best in the classroom as well as on the playing field. The students felt as if they belonged at Ragsdale and showed it quite well throughout the year. The sophomores were proud of their position at Ragsdale, but as the year came to a close many sophomores thought "only half way through."

**Relaxing during break,** Amber Williams and Courtenay Shaw take advantage of their spare time. (K. Baynes)

**Pondering a thought during class,** Laura Campbell works on an English paper. (K. Baynes)

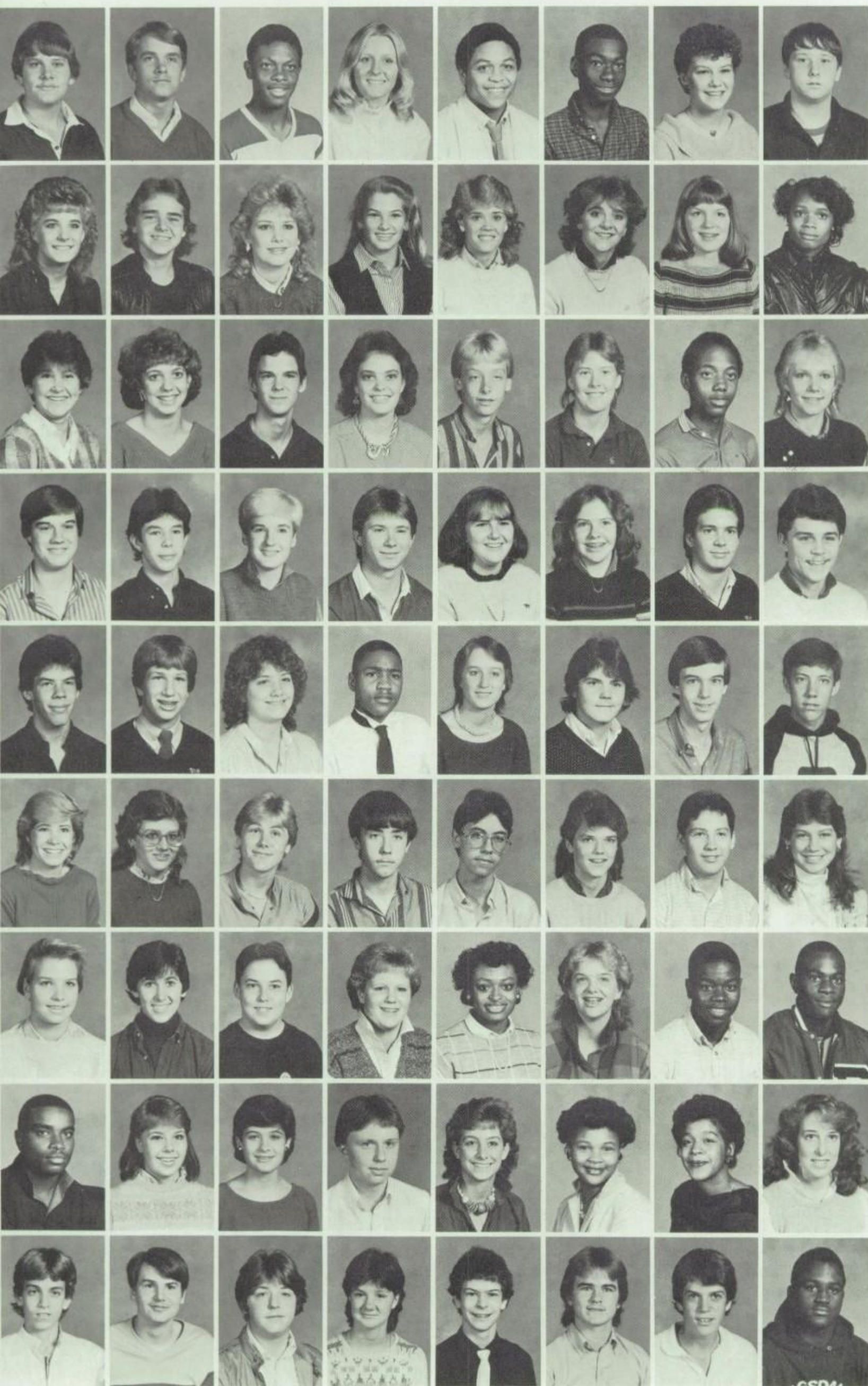


**Walking through the halls alone,** Jason Gentel moves on to his next class. (K. Baynes)

**The Sophomore Class Officers:** Misty Peoples, Pres., Courtenay Shaw, V. Pres., Amber Marsh, Sec., and Joell Bell, Treas. (K. Baynes)







Chris Adams  
Edward Adams  
Randy Adams  
Angie Aker  
Carvel Alston  
Jimmy Arnette  
Kellie Atkins  
Robbie Atkins

Jennifer Baker  
Brad Barton  
Nancy Beauchamp  
Ellen Belk  
Joell Bell  
Shannon Bellard  
Laurie Bender  
Constance Beverly

Susie Birchfield  
Michelle Bird  
David Blankenship  
Lisa Bozarth  
Gary Brewer  
Diane Bridges  
Timothy Brooks  
Monica Burkard

Wayne Burns  
David Byerly  
Kim Byrd  
Richard Calhoun  
Laura Campbell  
Christine Carty  
Mark Cassady  
Lee Chesnutt

Peter Cienek  
Todd Coggins  
Tami Cole  
Michael Coleman  
Delana Collins  
Larry Collins  
Bryan Cope  
Joe Corley

DeLynn Corn  
Tammy Cotner  
Brian Coward  
Dean Culler  
James Cummons  
Lori Davis  
Todd DeHart  
Dawn Dennis

Melissa Dewey  
Lisanne Dickson  
Jeffrey Dixon  
Mary Dixon  
Inez Duff  
Pam Dulaney  
Calvin Dunlap  
Joseph Dunlap

Brian Dunovant  
Lori Edwards  
Wendy Edwards  
Douglas Elliot  
Krista Elliott  
Lena Evans  
Bernadette Farlow  
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Richard Friddle  
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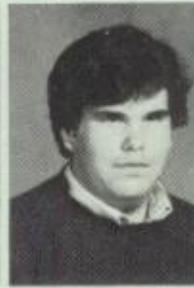
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Steven Hamilton  
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Sandy Harrington  
Kimberly Harrison  
Chuck Harward  
Rodney Hasty  
Albert Henderson  
Cindy Hendren



Tara Hennis  
Toni Herbin  
Donna Hicks  
Nelson Higginbottom  
Ricky Higgins  
Mary Hill  
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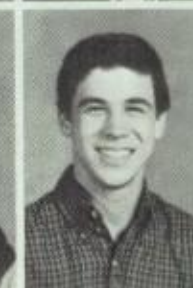
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Darcy Johnson



Dean Johnson  
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Sonja Johnson  
Chuck Jones  
Timmie Jones  
Natalie Justus  
Ki Son Kang



Kris Kauffman  
Tracy Keem  
Laurie King  
Mike Klime  
Bill Lagarde  
Rick Lamb  
Jim Layton  
Tri Le



Patricia Lewis  
Darrell Lindsey  
Stephanie Lockhart  
Jason Long  
Jeff Lucas  
Larry Lyles  
Bill Maerlender  
Mats Malmquist



David Maness  
Amber Marsh  
Michael Martine  
Cindy Mayo  
Wendi McGill  
Keith McInnis  
Dewayne McMahan  
Corey McQueen





# Working Hard

If you asked a sophomore one thing that he or she remembered from that year at Ragsdale, sooner or later Mrs. Mileski's name would arise.

Before the freshmen started their sophomore year a general question circulated throughout them, "I wonder if I'll get Mrs. Mileski for English?" The answer was yes for a great number of sophomores at Ragsdale, and they soon found out what kind of year they were in for. Although very stern at times, Mrs. Mileski was probably one of the best teachers at Ragsdale. Every sophomore who had her was somewhat apprehensive at first, but soon adjusted to her strict

and difficult system. Style papers, and analyzing novels and short stories, were only a few of the tough assignments these students faced. Books like **Animal Farm** and **The Good Earth** were seen under students' arms at school, and conversations about her class were often heard around the lunch table and at break. Although the class was considered difficult by many, most students came out with a greater understanding of the English language and its usage. So, at the end of the year, after exams, a number of students were relieved at the thought of English 11.

Taking advantage of some spare time, Mrs. Mileski looks over some papers. (K. Baynes)



Attempting to stay on top of the subject, students in Mrs. Mileski's class take notes. (K. Baynes)

Trying to catch up on some required reading, Chris Adams reads a story for Mrs. Mileski. (K. Baynes)



Randy Mecca  
Myndie Miller  
Pamela Miller  
Pat Miller  
Blaine Mitchell  
Kim Moore  
Cynthia Morgan  
Renee Morgan



Robin Morgan  
John Muckenfuss  
Todd Nabors  
Roger Naylor  
April Nelson  
Richard Niles  
Frank Norton  
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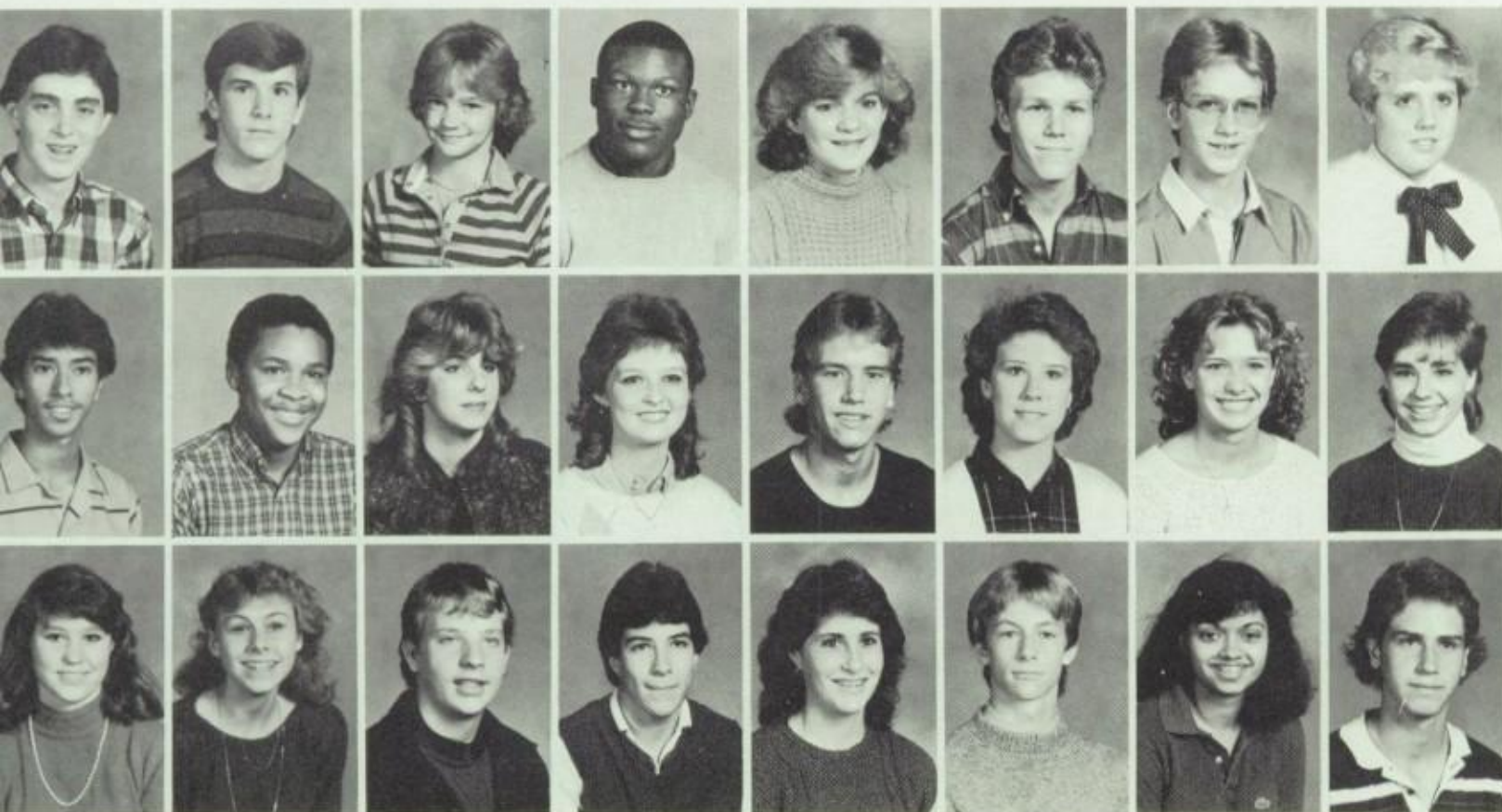


**Although one of the more difficult moves, Brian Dunovant shows the ability to spin on his head. (K. Baynes)**

**Showing some of his breakdancing art work, Brian dances in the front commons during lunch. (K. Baynes)**







Sebo Ragsdale  
Kirk Raybon  
Lori Reece  
Edwin Reese  
Jill Regan  
Scott Rhoads  
Tommie Rhoten  
Dawn Ridge

Victor Rivera  
Ronnie Robbins  
Monti Roberts  
Angie Robinson  
Joey Rogers  
Patricia Rogers  
Gina Rose  
Kelly Scarbolo

Laura Schrader  
Sharon Scott  
Scott Sexton  
Saul Shavitz  
Courtenay Shaw  
Stephen Sills  
Nili Singh  
Chip Smith

## Stunning Fans

On certain days during lunch or break when the time was right, they could be seen, usually with a large crowd of people encircled around them, clapping and cheering. The students, who enjoyed one of the latest trends, were amazed at the art of breakdancing, and one of the best was sophomore, Brian Dunovant.

Brian started breaking in his old neighborhood in New York about seven years ago and has continued to practice and improve. He started out just doing the basic moves but

now he can hang with the best of them. Brian started breaking because everyone where he lived did it, and he picked up on it very easily. Although some of the moves are difficult, Dunovant said that anyone could do it, if they worked hard and practiced. Sometimes you could see him at home or at school polishing up his old moves and creating new ones. Although some felt that breakdancing was going out of style, Brian continued to dance because of the fun and enjoyment that could be found in it.



Ending a spin and his routine, Brian smiles after finishing another dance. (K. Baynes)





# We Are . . . '87

Although only two years in to school, the class of 87 felt that they were special and contributed a lot to the life at Ragsdale. Giles Smith, a football player, said that the sophomores contributed a great deal to our school's athletics. Jason Long, another football player, felt that the people made the sophomore class special. He went on to say that they were all good friends and enjoyed hanging around each other. Randy Mecca said, "The spirit and the pride is what makes the class of 87 special," and who could argue with outstanding cheerleaders like Misty Peoples and Michelle Bird, who cheered the Tiger teams on to victory. So, with two more years left at Ragsdale, the sophomore class should greatly improve the quality of our school.

Looking over their instructions, Patty Painter and J. Muckenfuss prepare for French Club inductions. (K. Baynes)



Taking it easy during lunch, Blaine Mitchell talks to some of his classmates in the commons. (K. Baynes)

Grabbing some munchies in the cafeteria, Ellen Belk enjoys one of the advantages of French Club. (K. Baynes)





Chris Smith  
Giles Smith  
Jay Smith  
Kenny Smith  
Stacy Smith  
Ashley Snead  
Tonya Stinson  
Bobbi Stockard

Ashley Stone  
Michelle Story  
Denise Stroud  
Tammy Super  
Sonia Tallant  
Terrell Tate  
John Thompson  
Ginger Tucker

Greg Turner  
Chuck VanHook  
Jennifer Walker  
Lewis Walker  
Todd Walker  
Jay Wall  
Scott Wall  
Dexter Wallace

Cheri Wallington  
Bill Watkins  
Monte Webb  
Ulysses Welch  
Nevin Westurn  
Shelley Whaley  
Rodney Whicker  
Ron White

John Wilkie  
Amber Williams  
David Williams  
David Wilson  
Scott Wise  
Shelley Yergler  
Kelly York  
T. J. Yow



Enjoying each others company during break, Giles Smith, Chuck VanHook, and Jason Long take it easy on the way to class.  
(K. Baynes)



# Being the Rookies

Finally, their middle school times were over and the class of '88 were Ragsdale High School freshmen.

From the beginning of the school year they worked very hard to be accepted by the dreaded upperclassmen. They very easily survived the teasing and joking of the upperclassmen, and by the end of the year had won the respect of everyone.

Considering the fact that the freshmen were the youngest and the only ones without licenses, they usually displayed large amount of spirit by attending the home games.

By the end of the year, the tension eased and the freshmen, soon to be sophomores, had gotten into the swing of things.

What is it like to be in high school? What is it like to be able to sit where you want at

lunch? Or to have two less classes and to have a break between the afternoon classes? One freshman made the popular comment, "This is the life!" Little did the freshmen know, but the living had just begun! Whether or not they learned from the upperclassmen was beside the point. They eventually made their mark and learned what was termed as "the life." The freshmen were often heard bumming a ride to a game or a club meeting. Another favorite of these rookies was sneaking to parties on the weekends.

Excitement. Enthusiasm. Nervousness. Spirit. Determination. The class of 1988. They did their best to make Ragsdale home.

**Hard at work**, these freshmen attempt to finish their homework in class so that they can have extra time to catch up on the latest gossip. (K. Baynes)

**Gym class is a favorite** of all Ragsdale students. Monica McCall takes advantage of this time to get in some extra laps around the track. (S. Bean)



**Freshmen class officers:** Deanna Winchester, Treasurer; Lori Bryant, Secretary; Monica McCall, V. President; Felicia Burzell, President. (K. Baynes)

**Pausing to share** a humorous joke with Lori Bryant, Deanna Winchester takes a break from watching the soccer match. (M. Hodgin)







Russell Allred  
 Steve Alred  
 Shara Ammen  
 Chris Austin  
 Abby Austin  
 Pam Babb  
 Betsy Bailey  
 Asia Barnes  
 Derek Barts  
 Chris Baxter  
 Ronnie Beach  
 Melanie Bell  
 Robby Bell  
 Julie Bender  
 Tonya Bennett  
 Todd Biggs  
 Walter Bilbo  
 Dan Bittle  
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 Suzanne Bondurant  
 Geneva Bosier  
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 David Boyles  
 Janet Branden  
 Maurice Bray  
 Gary Brewer  
 Jennifer Brower  
 Charles Brown  
 Jami Brown  
 Stephen Bruton  
 Lori Bryant  
 Meghan Buffey  
 Terrence Bullock  
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 Melissa Burney  
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 Larry Davis  
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 Mandy Deck  
 Chad Dennis  
 Charlotte Dixon  
 Sarah Douglass  
 Eric Dove  
 Brett Drinkard  
 Rob Duff  
 Timmy Duggins  
 Steve Dunn  
 Mary Kathryn Durham  
 Ashley Eaton



Tonya Edwards  
Allison Elkins  
Samantha Ellington  
Chris Enter  
Tammy Epting  
Billy Everet  
Jennifer Faircloth  
Cindy Fields



## Moving Ahead

There were a number of freshmen who had special talents or interests. Often, these qualities were displayed at times other than between 8:15 and 2:40. At home, at work, or at "play," you could find many students participating in outstanding events that you weren't even aware of.

Red Cross Volunteers could be found in abundance and dancers were numerous. Lifeguards showed an enormous amount of responsibility during the summer. Anywhere you looked, you could have found someone from Ragsdale doing something a little out of the ordinary.

Mike Gaily happened to be one of these people who had very special talents. Before coming to Ragsdale, he got to experience playing soccer in Europe! Ragsdale's soccer team was in luck when Mike Gaily joined the team, because as forward, Mike helped our team to many victorious games.

Soccer became a special interest to him. His hard work paid off when he was named to the All Conference team and the All Regional third team.

**Even in the cold November weather,** Mike Gaily makes sure to practice his soccer skills. (K. Baynes)







Paul Fleming  
Brian Flinchum  
Kim Flowers  
Billy Flynn  
Ken Ford  
Tracie Ford  
Jeanna Forlines  
Beth Foster

Denise Fowler  
Kara Frazier  
Elinor Friddle  
Kevin Frost  
Mike Gaily  
Stuart George  
Terrance Giladden  
Michelle Gleason

Kevin Glidewell  
Lynn Godwin  
Renee Godwin  
Lee Grissett  
Karen Hafele  
Buddy Haire  
Laura Hancock  
Jonathan Haney

Sami Hanna  
Kelly Harrison  
Leslie Harrison  
Daniel Haynes  
Tommy Hazelwood  
Amy Hegner  
Barbara Henrickson  
Kristina Hines

Tod Hobaugh  
Jeffrey Hodgins  
Jonathan Holden  
Rhonda Hopkins  
Laura Houseworth  
Jeffrey Hughes  
Kevin Hughes  
Shirley Hughes

Scott Humble  
Janie Hunt  
Julie Ingle  
Mark Ivey  
Angie Jackson  
Brent Jackson  
Les Jackson  
Nevada Jackson

Ray Jackson  
Scott Jagow  
Bill James  
Lora Jenkins  
Steven Jenkins  
Ronda Jiles  
Luther Johnson  
Natalie Johnson

Ted Johnson  
Timothy Johnson  
Travis Johnson  
Mary Joyce  
Tammy Kenendy  
Mandy Kesler  
Lisa Kester  
Krystal Key

Gary Kidd  
Junior Kim  
Cindy Kirkland  
Renee Kissner  
Jennie Lange  
Matt Larrick  
Shannon Layman  
Krystal Lee



Lyn Leonard  
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Sherry Libby



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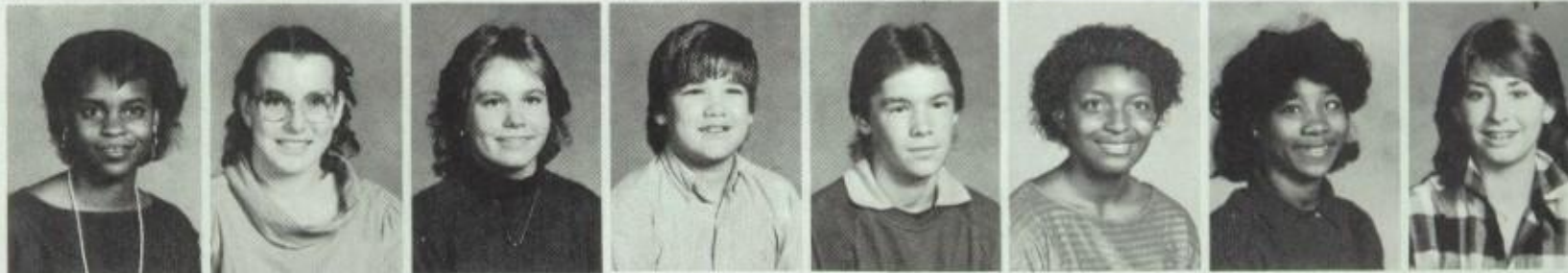
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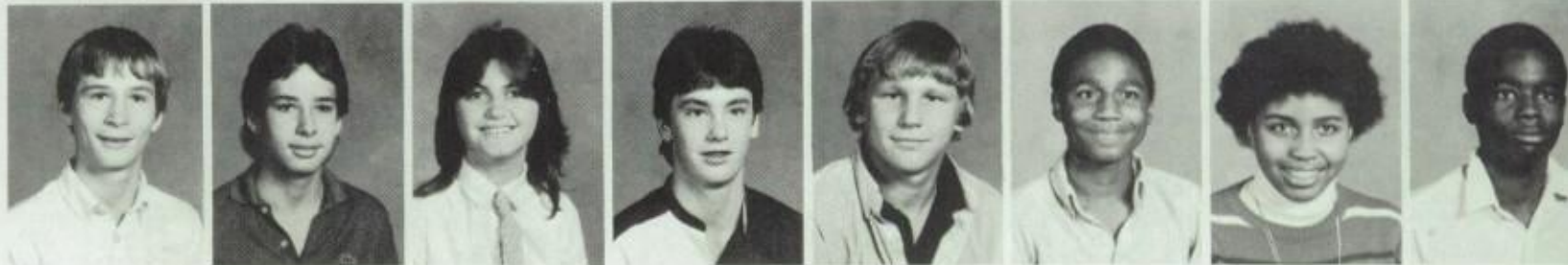
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Chris McKay  
Billy McKee  
Dorothy Mears  
Valerie Merced  
Angie Miller



Chris Miller  
Eric Miller  
Mona Miller  
Ken Mizell  
Donald Money  
Keith Moore  
Kyra Moore  
Richard Moore







# Busy!

Moving through the halls between classes and being a freshman was not the easiest thing. Freshmen, the objects of numerous amounts of jokes, pranks, and teasing, were faced with a whole new experience at Ragsdale.

After the first few weeks when the shock was over, the freshmen were more at ease. They realized that for the next four years they would have to put themselves into a brand new routine. More homework — Less time to do it in! They weren't allowed to take very many electives because of the required classes such as history, math, English, physical education, and science. Busy, busy, busy!!

Not only were the freshmen busy, but they were faced with a "major" crisis: no cars! Luckily they made it through with very few problems!

While sitting in his history class, Ken Mizell is distracted from his newspaper. (K. Baynes)



Tammy Moore  
Wendy Moore



Michael Morrison  
Tracy Morton



Renee Mozzoni  
Pam Newkirk



Tommy Nichols  
Robert Niles



Dena Nixon  
Nancy Oliphant



Randy Palmer  
Jin Park  
Butch Parnell  
Joe Parrish  
Dionne Parson  
Brian Pascal  
Kim Patterson  
Dwayne Peeler

Cheryl Peguese  
Joe Perez  
Rodney Phifer  
Jason Pinard  
Kim Poe  
Tanner Postma  
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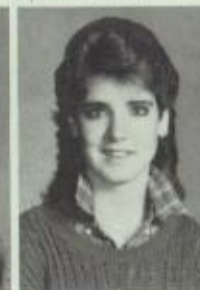
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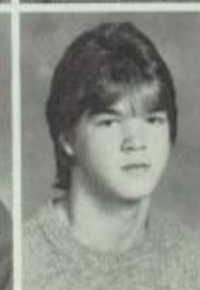
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Mark Thacker  
Edward Thomas  
Stephen Thomas  
Tracy Thomas  
Dawn Threatt  
Karen Titus



Brooke Tolbert  
Lora Toler  
Tammy Trottier  
Kenny Troxler  
Linda Turner  
Karen Turner  
Steve Turner  
Marsha Vestal



Ira Wade  
Kristie Wagoner



## Fresh Opinions

Sheeew! To the majority of the students, this year flew by. When asked about their first year they responded:

"WHAT ONE WORD BEST DESCRIBES YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR?"

"Different!" — Walter Bilbro

"WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR?"

"The best part of my freshman year was coming to Ragsdale because I got tired of middle school. It's good to be at a new school." — Joe Perez

"WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHANGE YOU HAD TO ADJUST TO THIS YEAR?"

"I guess it would be the longer classes and exams. Last year, the classes were only 35-45 minutes long." — Megan Buffey

"WHAT DID THE FRESHMAN CLASS DO TO SHOW THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT?"

"As a freshman, showing school spirit was a lot of fun! The freshman class enjoyed participating in foot-

ball games, basketball games, and many other school activities." — Lisa Kester

"WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PEP RALLIES, BALL GAMES, ETC.?"

"I think it's a great way to support the school and they give us time to be with our friends." — Sara Douglass

"WHAT IN YOUR OPINION WAS THE WORST THING ABOUT BEING YOUNGEST?"

"The worst thing about being the youngest was my sister got to go to school first. When all her friends and old teachers saw me they said, 'You look just like your sister'." — Kevin Frost

"DID THE FACT THAT FRESHMEN COULD NOT DRIVE POSE ANY PROBLEMS FOR YOU?"

"Yes. I like to be able to get around on my own instead of being dependent on someone to take me everywhere." — Kara Frazier



Concentrating intently, Kevin Frost hurries to finish his proof in Ms. Beck's geometry class. (K. Baynes)

At his home, Randy Palmer searches for just the right answer for his history assignment. (K. Baynes)





Andrew Walker  
Timothy Walker  
Dawn Wall  
Derek Walls  
Lenore Walton  
Nancy Ward  
Marvel Washington  
Deanna Watts

Donna West  
Melissa Williamson  
Theresa Williamson  
David Willis  
Roger Wilson  
Tina Wilson  
Deanna Winchester  
Charissa Wong

Amy Woodburn  
Michelle Wright  
Kim Wyatt  
Tony Yarborough  
Kim Yarbray  
Sandi Yaskiewicz  
Rachael Younts  
Randall Yow



Sara Zeller



Directing her attention to Coach Hankins, Mandy Deck makes note of what was being said. All freshmen were required to take P.E. (K. Baynes)



# Undercover Agents

"Who were those masked professionals whose duty it was this year to educate the students?" Ah, but of course, they were the dedicated faculty members of Ragsdale High School. They were the people who kept the spirit and mechanics of education flowing among the generation of tomorrow.

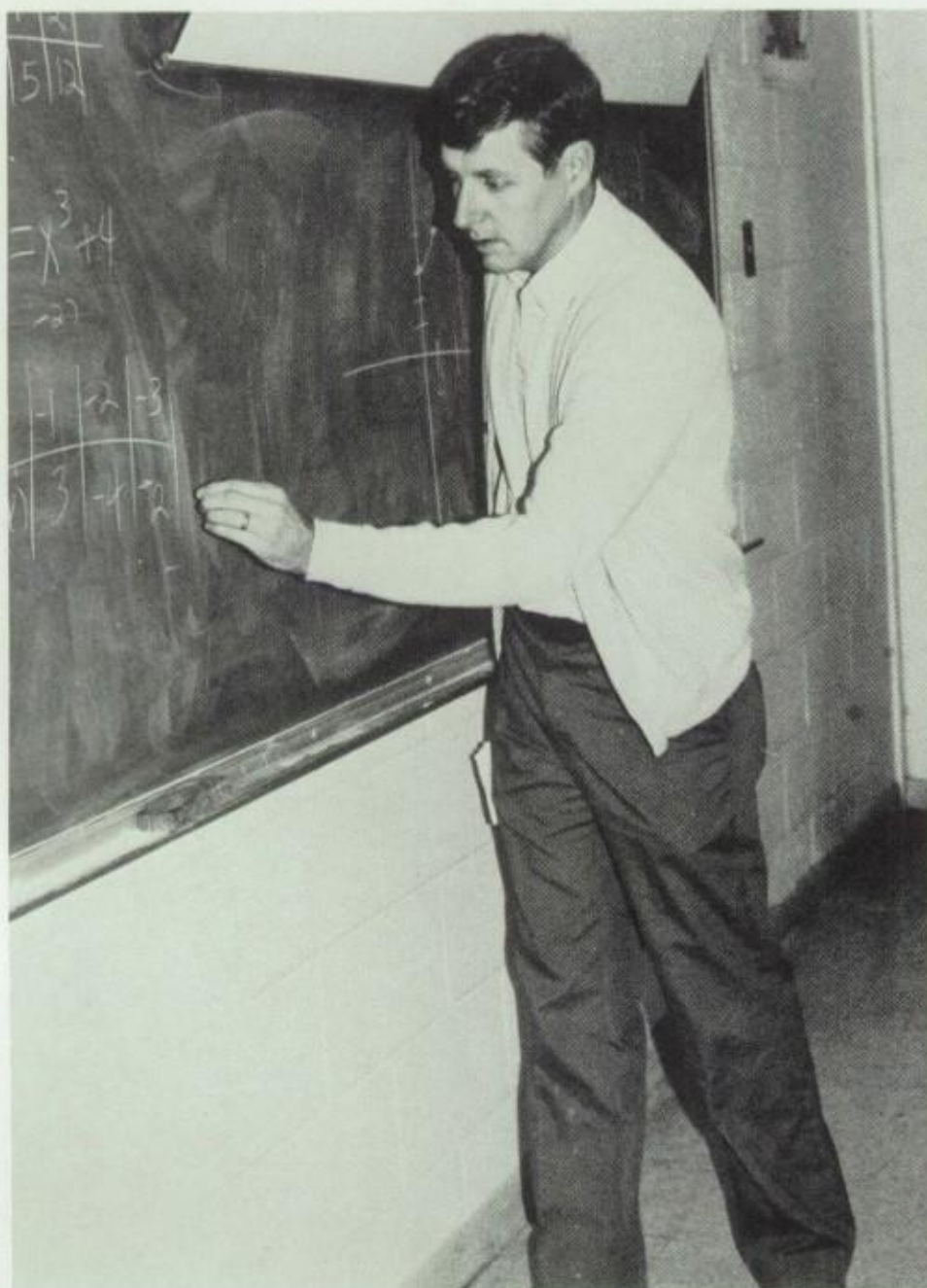
An average day for a teacher included the usual task of grading papers, teaching class, and staying after school with those students who violated the strict "on time to class" policy encouraged to be enforced by Dr. Dalton. However, some teachers thought of their daily activities as more than just part of the job. One teacher in particular loved teaching class and being involved in his students' lives so much that he was honored with Guilford County's "Teacher of the Year" Award for 1984. Mr. Dennis Carroll continued to be a

friend and advisor to the people that he was close to. He was given the nickname of D.C. by the students he called his "kids".

Teachers not only helped out in the classrooms, they also served as advisors to clubs and coaches for sporting teams. Some even went out of their way to work at fundraisers sponsored by the school. However, they did not often receive the recognition and thanks from the students as much as they should have for the time and effort they spent trying to be good informants as well as friends. Therefore, on behalf of the entire student body, it is the intention of this writer to extend a warm "thank you" to those people who cared about our futures.

During her newly taught government class, Mrs. Bryant looks for a particular story in the paper to read to her class. (K. Baynes)

During her ninth grade English class, Mrs. Williams tries to point out an interesting scene in the novel that her class is presently studying. (K. Baynes)



While comedy is a regular part of his daily routine, Mr. Gaines tries to help his students understand the impossible in his Algebra II class. (K. Baynes)

Monday afternoons are reserved for faculty meetings where teachers get together to discuss important issues concerning school. (S. Bean)





**Administration:** Dr. Steve Dalton, Principal;  
Mr. Tom Payne, Assistant Principal, Mr. Mike  
Raybon, Assistant Principal. (J. Ingle)

**Vocation Department:** Gary Rippey, Bill White,  
Homer Harden. (S. Bean)



**Office Personnel:** Georgia Lundy, Audrey Wrike,  
Eva Gardner. (M. Hodgin)

**Guidance Counselors:** Chris Greene, Ann Rimmer,  
Kathy Dick, and Carol Farley, Secretary. (M.  
Hodgin)



**Exceptional Child Services:** Carolyn Bowman, Chris Meredith, Lola Henderson, Bettye Carter. (J. Ingle)



**English Department:** Front Row: Barbara Lockett, Dolly Smith, Magdalen Mileski, Peggy Neel, Sandy Stafford. Back Row: Dennis Carroll, Nancy Williford, Donna Reynolds, Barbara Williams, Angel Teer. (S. Bean)



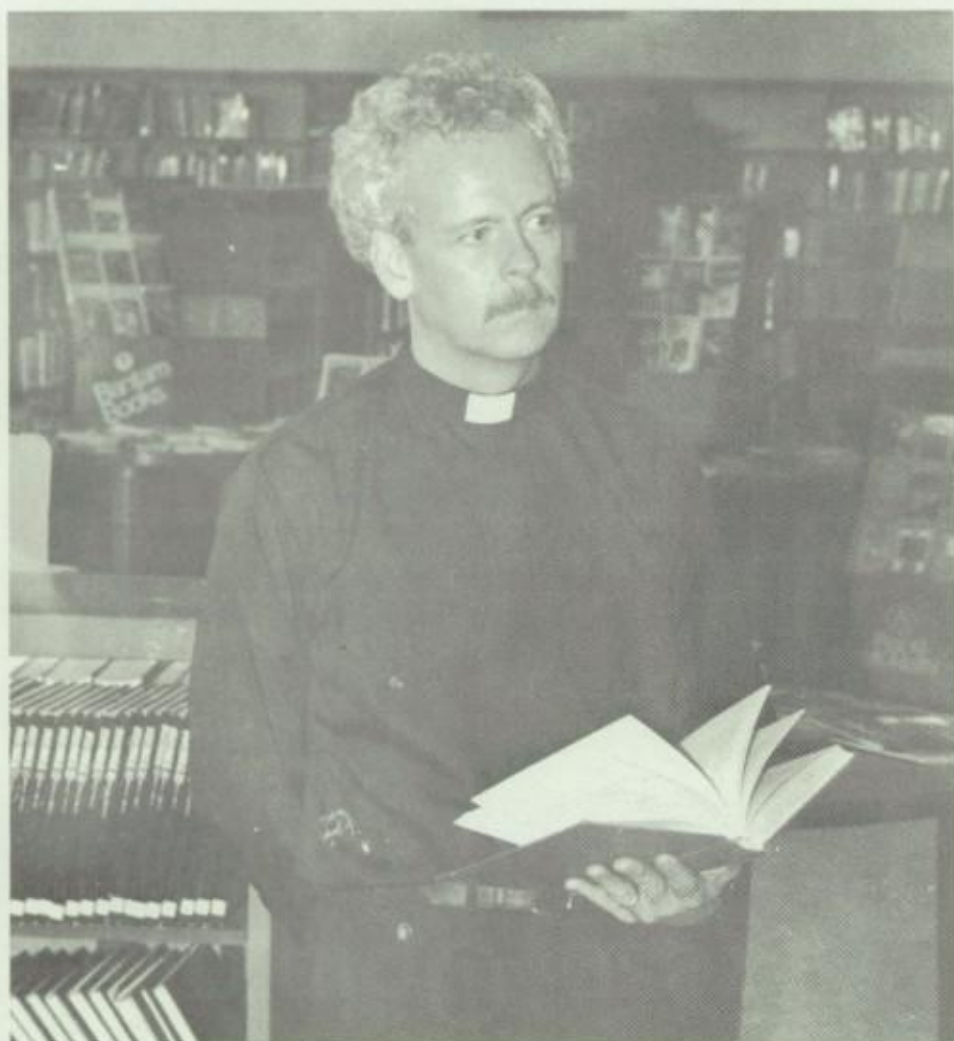
**Physical Education:** Steve Hankins, Dick Cline, Betsy Kautz, Herb Pike, Tommy Norwood. (S. Bean)

**Cafeteria Staff:** Front Row: Elizabeth Greene, Virginia Robertson, Irene Causey, Pearl Sanford, Nathaniel Matthews. Back Row: Barbara Hendricks, Peggy Robertson, Hilda Moorefield, Sharon Finch, Dot Turner, Ann Brewer. (S. Bean)



**Foreign Language:** Laura Wolf, Donna Reynolds, Dennis Carroll, Pamela Wiggins. (K. Baynes)





As unbelievable as it may seem, Mr. Roger Chance is actually a Reverend of the Ministry, as well as a teacher. (K. Baynes)

Whether rain or shine, day or night, Mr. Chance always manages to get his daily run to keep him in shape. (S. Bean)

## Believe It!

Attention: Universal Life Church of California will make you a minister for a small \$2.00 donation.

Mr. Roger Chance, a teacher at Ragsdale, was one of the lucky recipients of a valid membership into the clergy. He wanted to see if their claim was really true, and seeing that it was, he made a larger donation of \$5.00 to become a Bishop. His story certainly made for interesting conversations in his Sociology classes.

Mr. Chance took pleasure in fooling people by wearing his black and white outfit while in public. He said people treated him differently when they thought he was a minister. He also recalled his funniest incident when he said, "It was interesting to see the faces of the people in the church where I performed a wedding when they recognized the minister as having been one of the participants of the bachelor party the night before."



**Science Department:** Suzanne Caudle, Mike Zidek, Jeanette Keim, Dave Mizell, Jane Kimmel. (K. Baynes)



**Social Studies Department:** Jerry Haney, Tommy Norwood, Elaine Bryant, Roger Chance, Ann Tippet, Judy Cates. (K. Baynes)



**Custodians:** Jane and Bow Sanford. (M. Hodgin)



**Home Economics:** Wanda Croom (K. Baynes)

**Math Department:** Kim Livengood, Robert Gaines, Annie Lucas, Bernice Kenan, Virginia Henry, Vernon Smith, Jane Beck. (M. Hodgin)

## Doing It All

With a quick sweep of her chalk across the blackboard, Bernice Kenan had added another formula to the long list that her students were faced to memorize. Someone might think she had the speed of the bionic woman the way the chalk dust flew as she did what she loved to do best; teach her favorite course of Math.

She has taught math at Ragsdale for the past eleven years. Some of the courses she has taught include geometry, Algebra II, adv. math, and calculus. Her third period calculus had nothing but the best to say about her.

Mrs. Kenan also provided students a chance to earn some extra money during the year by working on her twenty acre tobacco farm for \$4.00/hr. This also provided Mrs. Kenan and her students to build a closer relationship. Thus, her popularity in school was the result of her high spirits and desire to help students as much as she could.







Besides being able to spend time with her husband and being at home, Mrs. Kenan enjoys the company of her two little logs. (M. Kenan)

At school, it is very rarely that Mrs. Kenan visits the teacher's lounge. Here, she is seen taking a moment to be by herself. (M. Hodgin)



**Cultural Arts Department:** Kyle Auman, Jane Averill, Angle Dalton. (K. Baynes)

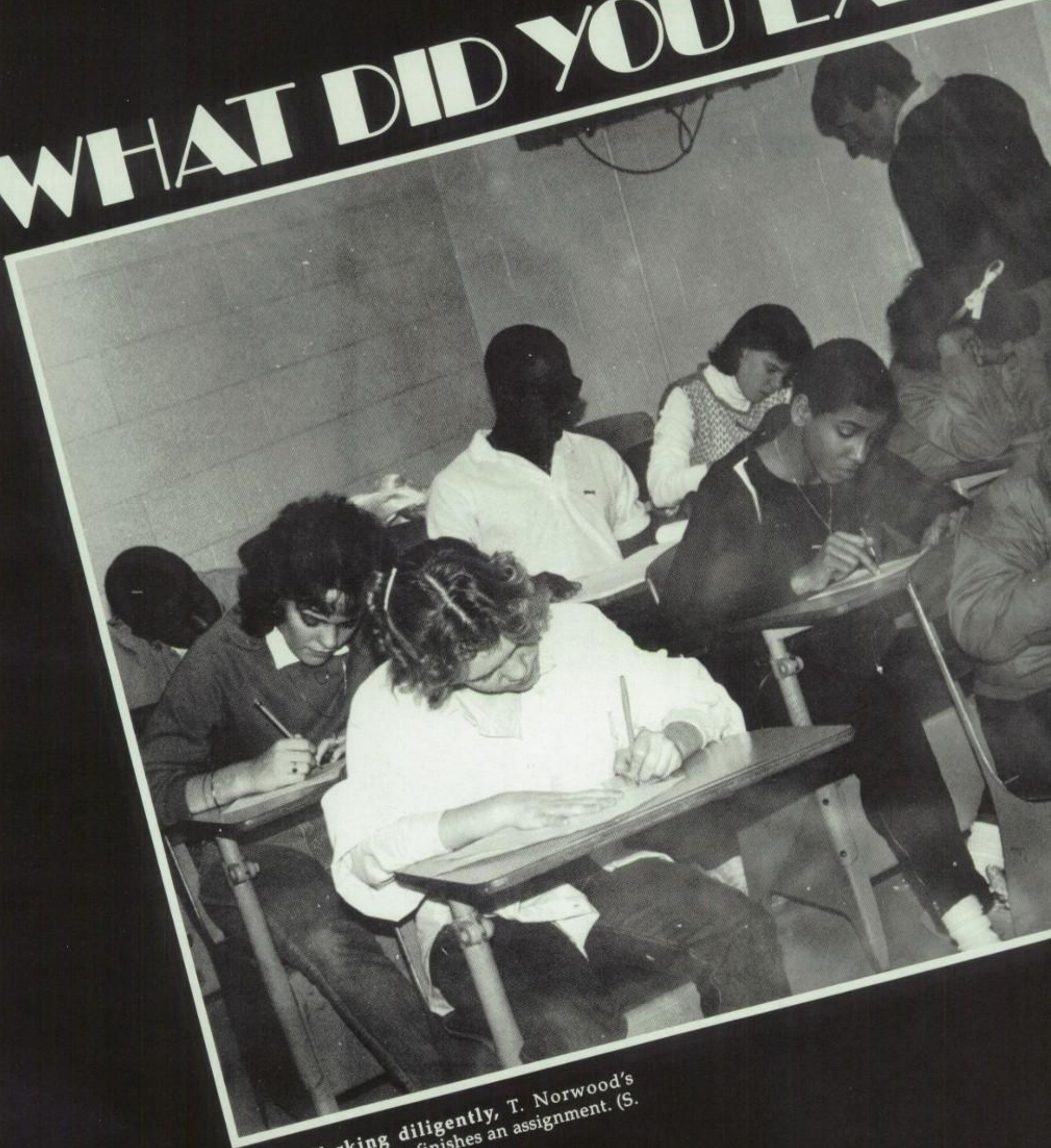


**Media Personnel:** Susan Turner, Carol Garlington, Avis Madison. (M. Hodgin)

**Business Department:** Robert Harris, Kim Whitley, Dorothy Freeman, Clara Walthall, Betty Hicks. (S. Bean)



# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT



Working diligently, T. Norwood's  
ELPSA class finishes an assignment. (S.  
Bean)



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# Academics

"I expected it to be hard but not this tough. I hope it will be worth it in the long run." This statement could have been heard from just about any student this past year. No matter how rough their classes were everyone managed to survive with the expectations of how the courses would benefit them in the future.

In order to make it through the year with acceptable grades, many students had to give up more than a few nights for studying and doing homework. Honors and advanced courses were taken with the hopes of graduating with honors and being able to place out of some of those classes in college. Also, taking aptitude tests such as the SAT and taking required courses with the

help of counselors helped to guarantee being accepted to a good college.

Despite the many hours spent preparing for tests and long-term class assignments, being able to mix work with pleasure provided everyone with just the right amount of academics and socializing. Actually, they went hand in hand, but trying to balance one's social life with school work took practice. Most often a choice would have to be made and a research paper would have to take precedence over a party. Overall, organization, time, and effort were the biggest parts of surviving these tough classes, but — what did you expect?



"Hopefully my classes will prepare me for college next year and help me to develop good study habits in order to survive." — Greg Ridge

## THE STAFF

Kim Haithcock, Editor  
Cindy Buffey  
Jill Deck  
Shannon Kenner  
Janie Underwood



# NO CLASS . . .

“**W**hew! Almost one whole hour to work at my own pace! Forget students who take an hour for a five-minute quiz and those who take five minutes for an hour-long test. I’ll go have a cup of decaffeinated coffee or a Diet Coke and . . . UGH! grade papers. How can it seem like fifty-nine students all have the same view on the social tendencies of glow-worms? Well, better get started or they’ll bug me to death about it tomorrow. UH-oh . . . the bulletin board hasn’t been

changed in four months — maybe I can get someone to do it for extra credit . . .”

If a student thought that teachers often found themselves doing the same monotonous things almost every planning period, they would be right. Stacks of ungraded papers seemed to never end as interruptions constantly made something else seem more interesting. Still, though, the planning period was often welcomed as a time to relax and calm one’s nerves.

Involved in their discussion, Mr. Zidek and Sharon Davis listen intently as Jeff Priddy relates a funny story. (M. Hodgins)

For a “pick-me-up” laugh during his planning period, Mr. Chance enjoys scooting through the halls on a book cart. (M. Hodgins)







As head of the science department, Mrs. Caudle must often phone to make sure that the supplies are in for labs. (M. Hodglin)

Chuckling as they compare papers, gym teachers Mr. Cline and Mr. Harris spend their planning periods together. (M. Hodglin)



As stacks of research papers seem to never end, Ms. Stafford diligently attacks her workload instead of taking an hour break. (M. Hodglin)



**FBLA — Front Row:** Sharon Chapel, Sharon Nunn, Kathy Jones. **Middle Row:** Jane Hull, Dina Wesley, Jennifer Galbreath, Lori Davis, Sharon Horner, Rene Phelps, Donna Thomas, Pam Allison. **Back Row:** Debbie Clarke, Amy Allred, Angela Shore, Angela Nixon, Shannon Shuping, Sabrina Barts, Pam Marcady, Susan Dolejs, Robin Mabe. (M. Hodgkin)

**Holding the class' attention,** Mrs. Walthall discusses last night's homework with her class. (M. Hodgkin)







Attempting to complete a demanding problem, Brad Frazier finds it difficult to manipulate the keyboard properly so early in the morning. (M. Hodgins)

Mr. Harris takes time to help Senior Angie Bolin solve a somewhat complex task. (M. Hodgins)



**“W**hat!? You wanted this double spaced? I thought you said single spaced! Oh well . . . hey, anybody got a piece of paper I can borrow?”

Many students faced similar problems in the various business classes this year. Although they were sometimes frustrated by a subject that they were generally unexperienced in, students taking classes such as typing, accounting, business law, or data processing found that the techniques they learned in these classes could help them in their personal business and hobbies at home as well as help them prepare for the responsibility of life after high school.

For instance, data processing students realized the experience they re-

ceived in computers would definitely aid in competing in college and also in the job market. The students taking accounting could learn how to balance a check book or keep records for a business. The students in typing classes learned how to type effectively, something that would help them complete papers in high school and later in college. Also, business law taught much practical knowledge that could be used in later years in the business world.

So, many business students sometimes found themselves lost in an unfamiliar subject. However, most agreed that the experience gained in those practical courses was definitely worth the effort.

Giving a new assignment to her class, Mrs. Walthall explains a student's question. (K. Baynes)

## BUSINESS LIKE



# WORKING IT OUT

For the average Ragsdale student, a normal day consisted of attending their classes, listening to teachers, doing classwork, and taking dreaded tests. The students of Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Training programs, however, faced an entirely different situation. When most students were getting ready to go to lunch, they were trading their school books for work clothes and leaving to go to their place of work.

These students had double the responsibility of the other students. They had to study for their school subjects and at the same time had to work at an area business for at least twenty hours a week. Although the basics of the two classes were the same, DE students worked at places such as grocery stores and restaurants while the ICT students worked in manufacturing or

industrial jobs.

Although it was sometimes difficult to keep up with school work and a job after school, many of the students in the work programs realized the positive results the class had helped them obtain. "It's hard to keep up with your homework and your job but I feel great when payday comes around and I've got money to do what I want with," remarked senior David Ingram. "You feel like you've done something."

Even if many students did not realize the efforts of the people in the work programs, it was positive that they did do a great deal for themselves as well as their community.

Remembering that the customer always comes first, Wendy Laughlin flashes a smile while pouring someone a glass of tea. (S. Bean)



Remaining cheerful while doing her job is one reason why Rhonda Ford is a reliable employee for Bestway. (K. Baynes)

DECA — Front Row: Cindy Thornton, Rhonda Ford, Tammy Proffit, Michelle Jones, Crystal East. Back Row: Arron Rowsey, Todd Morris, Mary Hunter, Leslie Strickland, Tim Hole, Wendy Laughlin, Audra Stevenson, Chrissie Idol (M. Hodgins)







Concentrating on doing the job right, Todd Morris carefully stacks the new shipment of sweatshirts at Omega Sports. (M. Hodgins)



# ENHANCEMENT

For most of us, 8:15 was when the day officially started, but for one ambitious student, 7:30 was when the first bell rang. On any given weekday morning, one could find Elizabeth Gardner making the 12 mile journey from her home to the Phillip J. Weaver Education Center in downtown Greensboro. Elizabeth was enrolled in the second level Television Production class taught at the center.

Elizabeth developed an interest in video productions during her years at Jamestown Middle School. There, she was a sportscaster, as well as, a camera operator. It is this experience that enabled Elizabeth, a first year student, to be placed in a level II class. Elizabeth plans to consider her television background when she makes a career choice. She said, "I feel that this class will be helpful because it gives me a

solid background in television that will be beneficial in the future."

Others who ventured beyond Ragsdale to seek an education were those participating in the upholstery and welding courses taught at GTCC. Fourteen Ragsdale students took advantage of these courses which were taught from 8-10 every morning. In upholstery, projects that were undertaken during the year included constructing a couch from the webbing to completion and making chairs. One of the reasons for the class' success was the independency that the students were allowed. Darren Nunn said, "I enjoy upholstery because I can work freely and at my own pace."

As one can easily see, many of Ragsdale's students were aware of the added opportunities available to them and were eager to enhance their education.



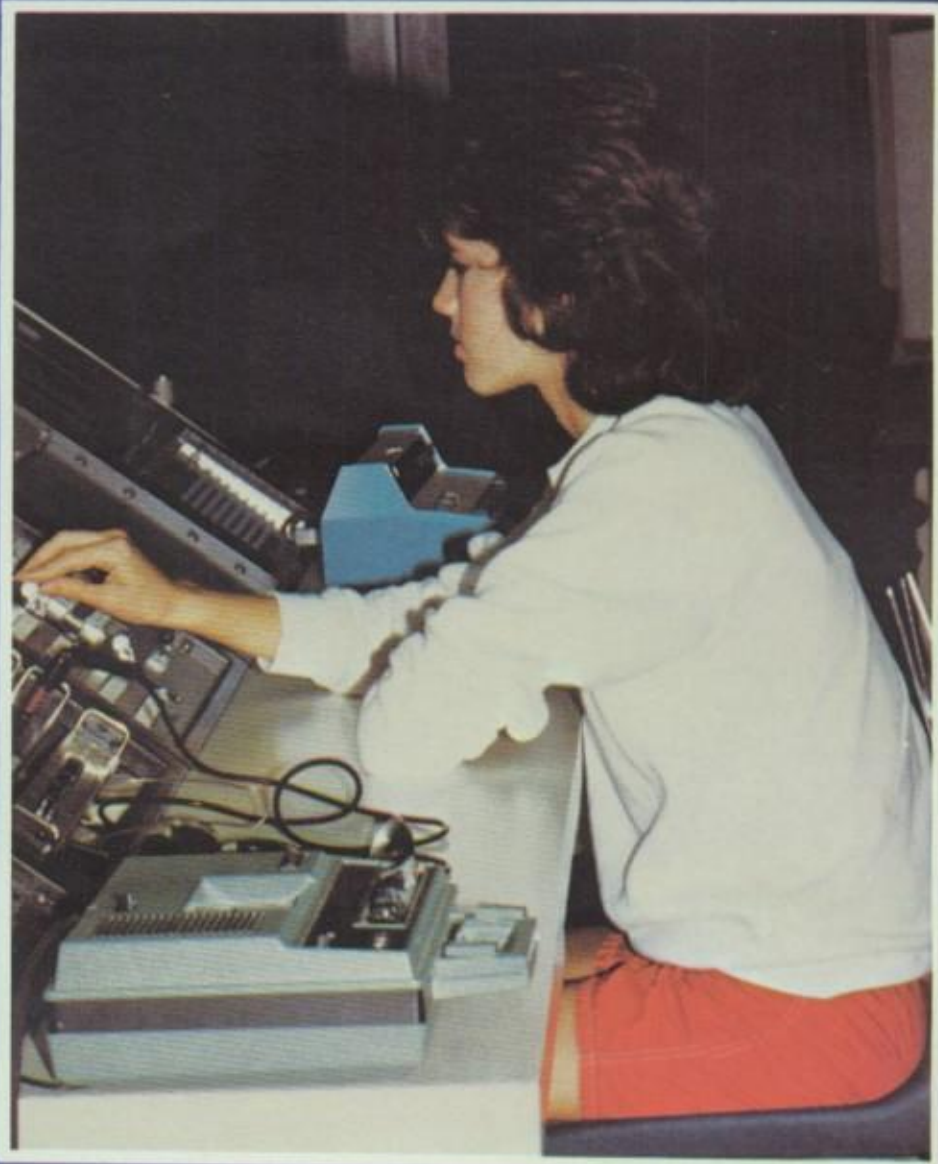
Creating an impressive display of sparks, Eddie Compton proves that a steady hand is needed for detailed welding. (R. Bivens)



Using an electric staple gun, Gene Haynes attaches cloth to the frame of a soon to be completed sofa. (R. Bivens)



Senior Elizabeth Gardner feels right at home at the controls in the video production room at Weaver Center. (M. Hodgín)



Taking precautionary measures against the heat and intense light, a welding student at GTCC wears gloves and a face shield. (R. Bivens)



Donnie Watts, taking advantage of the opportunity to explore a promising career, engages in an upholstery course. (R. Bivens)

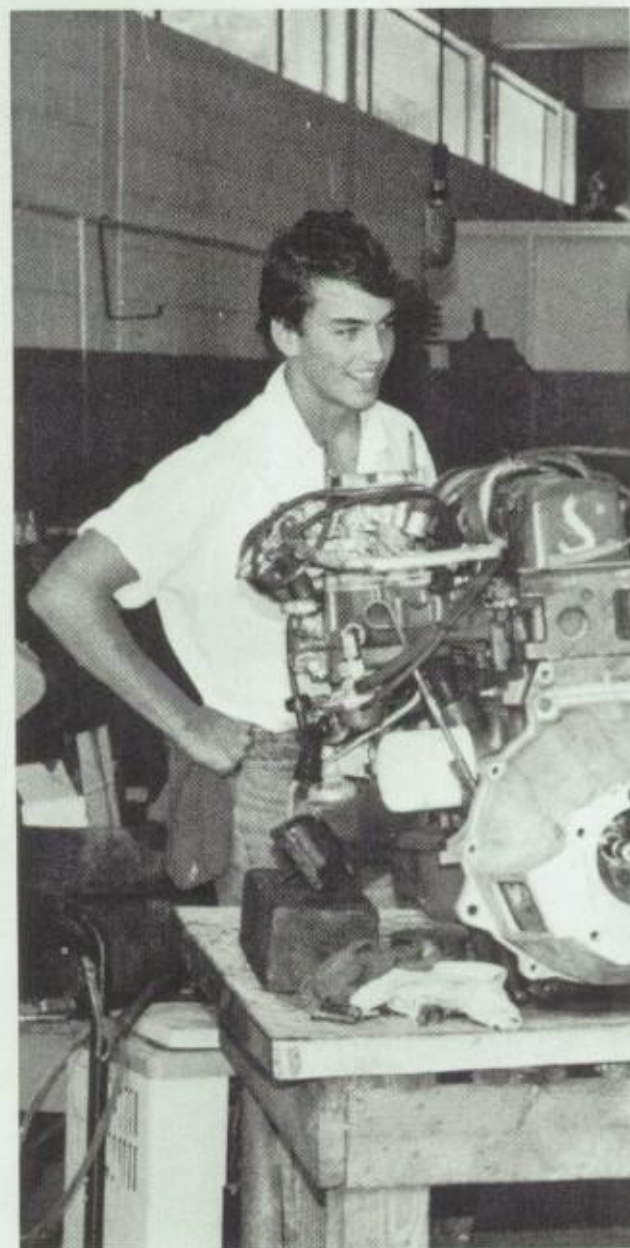


Preparing his layout concerning current events, Junior Ronnie Sykes pastes newspaper clippings for graphics class. (S. Bean)



Mike McMillan exhibits his school spirit as he silkscreens posters advertising Ragsdale football. (S. Bean)

His attention momentarily diverted, Greg Berry prepares to adjust the carburetor of a log splitter. (K. Baynes)





# WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE



Vroom! With a turn of the key the engine ignited and a look of accomplishment engulfed the student's face. This scene was taking place in the shop building, more specifically, the auto mechanics class taught by Mr. White.

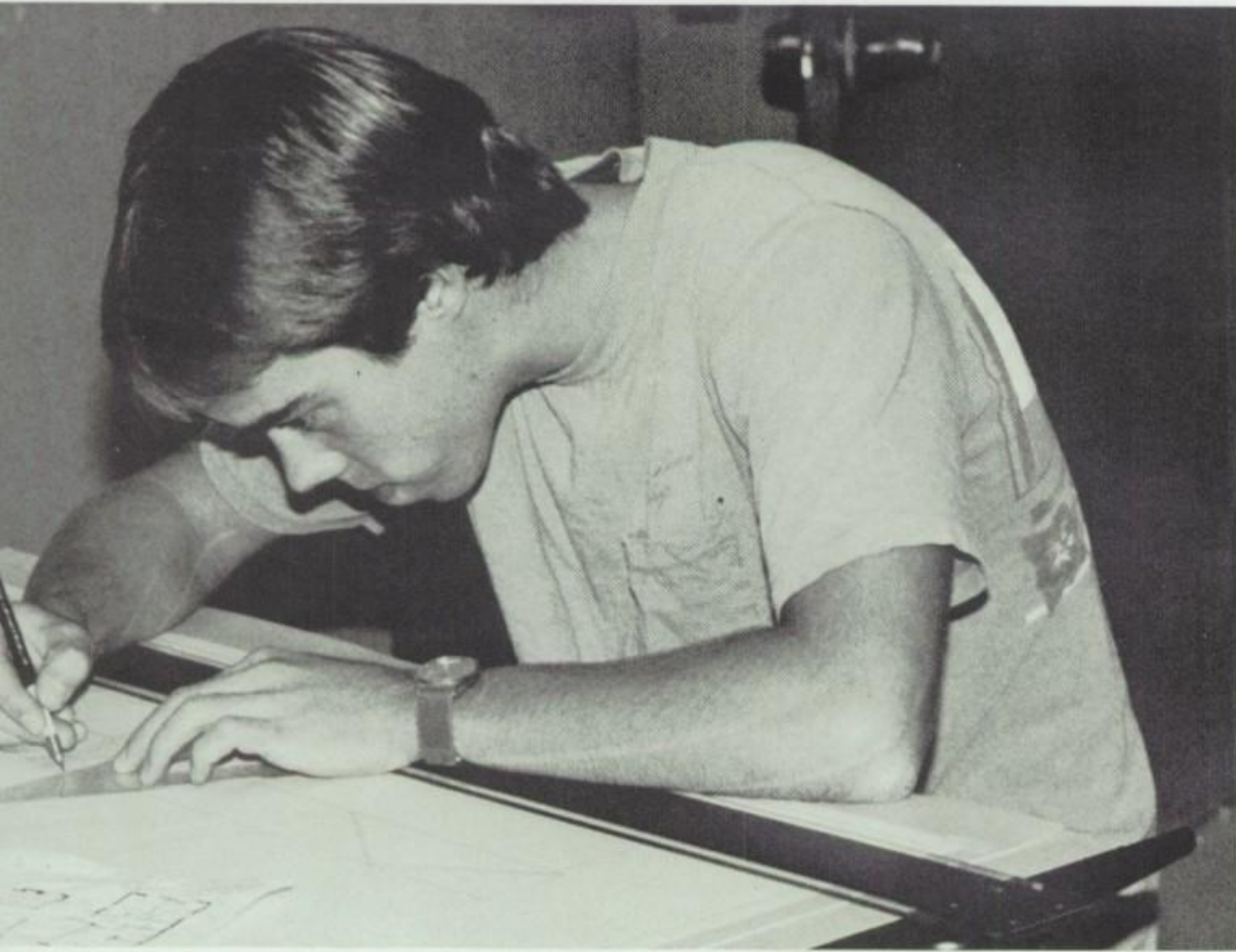
Auto mechanics, as well as graphics and drafting, is considered a vocational class. Drafting classes were taught by Mr. Rippy, while Mr. Lamm supervised the graphics department. These courses were designed for students who held interests in a particular field or career and planned to enter the job market following high school. Yet, many of those enrolled in vocational

Practicing the skills that they have learned in auto mechanics, Kyle Nichols and Jerry Draper rebuild an engine for Jerry's VW. (K. Baynes)

courses looked forward to entering a technical college upon graduation. These schools offered students a chance to further their education as well as hold down a job.

The "hands on" experience that these students received provided them with a knowledge that gave them a head start when it became time to look for a job. Commented drafting student, Chris Tallant, "I'm looking forward to learning more about drafting in college and getting a job that includes what I've already learned." One might agree that the driving force behind these student's efforts was the thought of a post-graduation paycheck.

Concentrating intently, Senior Mike Pittman works on one of the many layouts he will complete in drafting class. (K. Baynes)





With perfection in mind, the band realizes their many hours of vigorous practicing does indeed pay off during performances. (S. Bean)

With a look of determination on their faces Nicole Lipinski, Sabrina Barts, and Delynn Scott practice their rifle routine. (S. Bean)



Even the hot sun does not stop Kyle Glasgow, Todd Misenheimer, and Dwight Jarvis from perfecting their marching skills. (S. Bean)







# MUSIC MAKERS

Who performed at football games, competed at state-wide competitions, and kept school spirit at a high? The Ragsdale High School Marching Band, of course!

Consisting of 124 members, the band dedicated a portion of their summer to vigorous practicing. Not only did they have various scheduled practices on a weekly basis, but also they attended a mandatory band camp for one week in

June. The long hours of practicing in the smouldering heat paid off. The band's lively, upbeat music started the crowd cheering with enthusiasm at the first pep rally of the season. Furthermore, the band continually executed halftime shows during football season at every home game. In order to maintain the best shows possible, the band practiced three nights a week after school started.

Sacrificing precious hours during the summer, the band rehearses their shows in preparation for marching season. (S. Bean)





# MUSIC MAKERS

In addition, the band participated in many activities not related to their regular season shows. They competed in various competitions throughout the state in which they twice received the rating of "excellent". The band's final competition, on November 12, was held at Cummings High School where they placed second in their division. In addition, many special awards were given. Percussionists captured first place, the horn line tied for first, and the rifle team won second place. Furthermore, Joell Bell received the honor of best majorette and drum majors Shelley Dennis and Julie Mitchell were awarded second place. Overall, the band won third place out of over

twenty bands.

Mr. Auman, the band's director, summarized his band's performance by commenting that, "The kids this year are more talented and experienced than ever before. Every year our program grows and strengthens. I feel the band is not only an asset to the school but also the community."

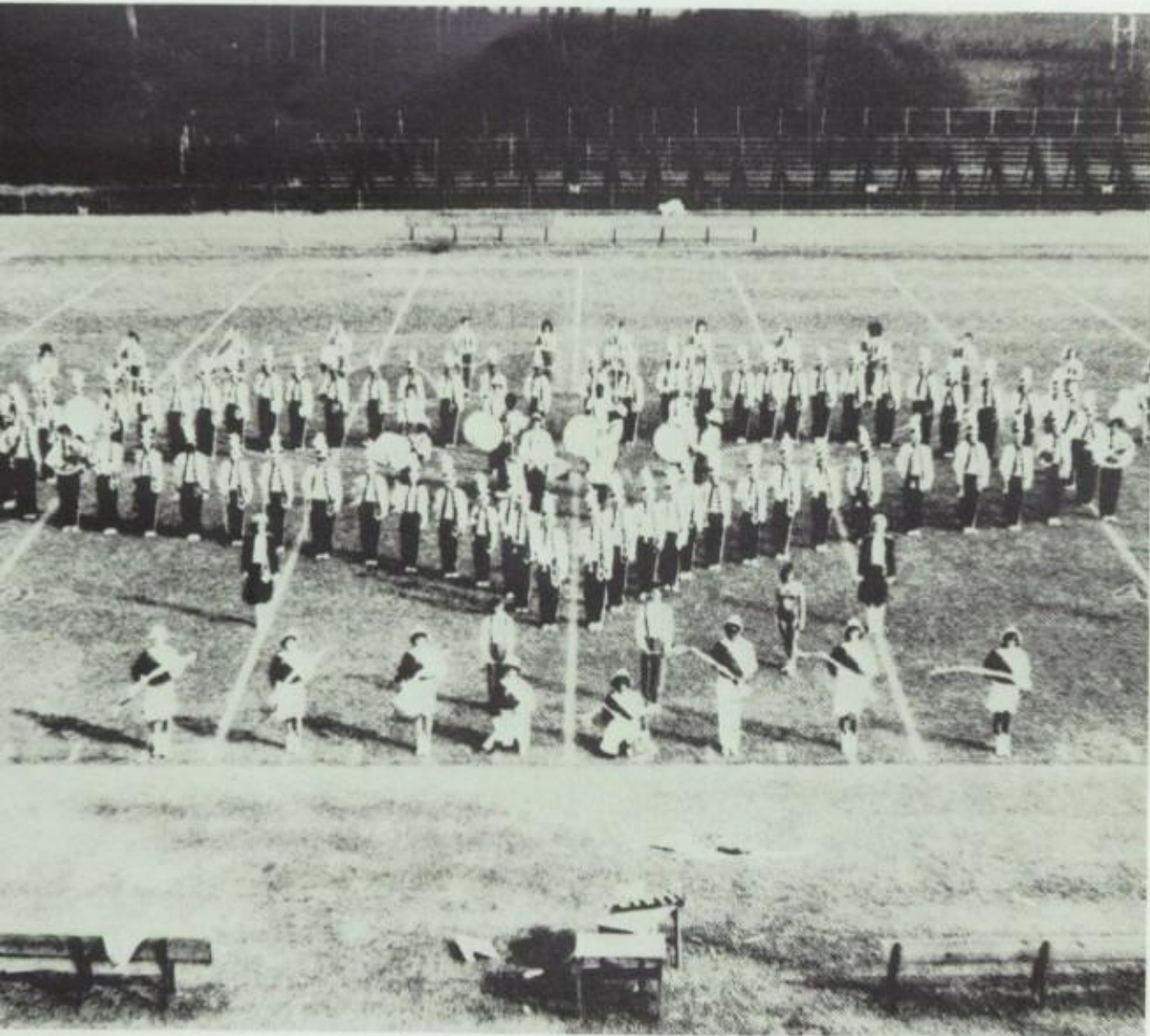
Indeed, the football season would not have been the same without the dazzling shows and performances of the dedicated members of Ragsdale's Marching Band.

With a sudden burst of enthusiasm, Dawn Dennis stands to cheer the football team to victory. (M. Hodglin)

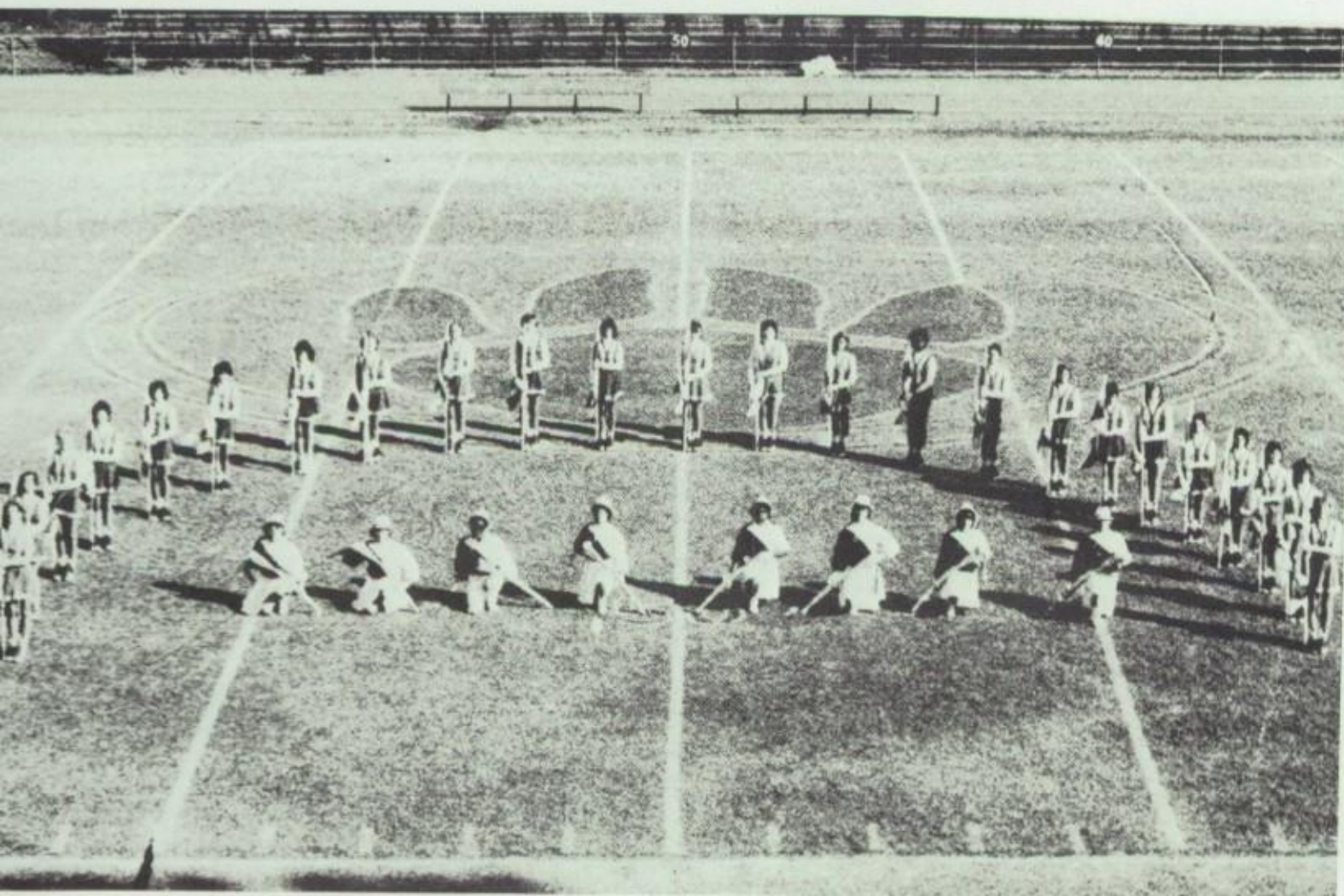


After a Ragsdale touchdown, the band plays a lively number for the spectators to cheer along to. (M. Hodglin)





**MARCHING BAND MEMBERS:** Robin Adams, Chris Adams, Angie Allen, Russell Allred, Jeff Angel, Phillip Adyette, Terrance Ballard, Yvonne Barber, Derek Banta, Ken Baynes, Scott Bean, Jimmy Bell, Jeannie Bennett, Suzanne Bondurant, Delynn Bostic, Kenny Brackett, Tim Brooks, Scott Byrd, Angie Campbell, Melodie Coggins, Charisse Collins, Tommy Cotnen, Brian Coward, Donald Dohm, Tom Duez, Pam Dulaney, Calvin Dunlap, David Durham, Ashley Eaton, Richy Fluharty, Beth Foster, Elinor Friddle, Jennifer Galbraith, Kyle Glasgow, Warren Grant, Misty Gunter, Johnathan Haney, Shelley Dennis, Eric Hayes, Amie Highfill, Betty Hoyle, Scott Humble, Cindy Ingram, Ken Jackson, Dwight Jarvis, Darcy Johnson, Becky Johnson, Justin Johnson, Pat Kalemby, Tammy Kennedy, Cindy Kirkland, David LaVack, Todd Lovette, Mike Lowry, Jeff Lucas, Mike Martine, Jordan Martin, Todd Misenheimer, Julie Mitchell, Melissa Neal, Sharon Nunn, Sean Oliver, Patty Painter, Michelle Pyle, Craig Putnam, Tonya Quick, Tommy Rhoten, Brian Riggs, Vincent Rudd, Jeff Sills, Kevin Smith, Tammy Super, Taci Thomasson, Tracey Thomas, Cheryl Traynan, Greg Turner, Linda Turner, Donnie Watts, Monte Webbe, Melvin Western, Melissa Williamson, Tina Williamson, David Willis, Karen Wise, Scott Wise, Michelle Wright, Kim Wyatt, Shelley Yergler. (K. Baynes)



**RIFLE TEAM MEMBERS:** Amy Allred, Corina Barts, Sandy Cragton, Mandy Deck, Dawn Dennis, Sara Douglas, Mary Katherine Durham, Allison Elkins, Amy Farlow, Denise Fowler, Sterling Gilreath, Jana Greer, Kamie Hill, Tammy Hudson, Laura Houseworth, Julie

Ingle, Kathy Jones, Missy Jones, Laurie King, Nicole Lipinski, Terrie McGinn, Kim Moore, Tammy Moore, Wendy Moore, Renee Morgan, Dena Nixon, Kim Perdue, Hope Pruden, Patricia Rogers, Delynn Scott, Stacey Smith, Bobbi Stockard, Karen Titus. (K. Baynes)





## INTRIGUING VARIETY

From checking out the intestines of a baby pig to investigating the life and times of famous authors or mathematicians, students tasted a variety of activities as their days progressed. Each ring of the bell brought about a change, whether students were sleeping through lectures or rushing to finish labs.

Most teachers found that students lacked energy in the early morning and

were restless during sixth period, which may have accounted for the quality of the results of students' work. Everyone felt the pressure to excel in each activity which was put before them; whether morning or afternoon.

Luckily for science classes this year, additional funding was awarded to the science department to purchase newer and more complicated lab equipment.

Although some companies took the time delivering the department's new materials, most science students had the opportunity to utilize some of the equipment.

Overall, few students could claim that they had many boring days this year, as they rushed through crowded halls towards another CHANGE.



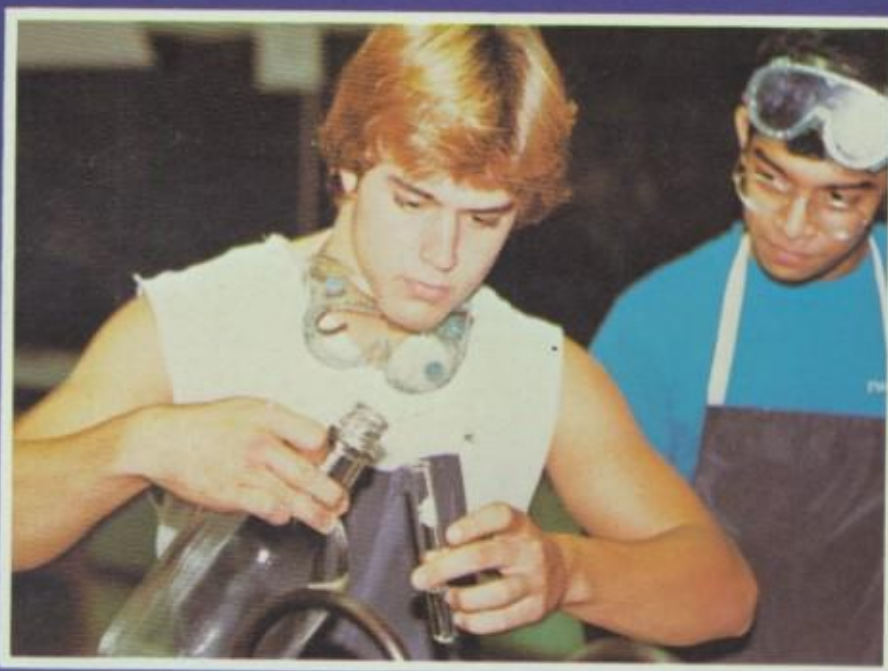
Lab partners, Michelle Jones and Eric Hayes, experiment with several elements to find the color flame which they produce. (S. Bean)

Beginning a unit of perception, Mrs. Cates' psychology class takes a walk around the school grounds. (M. Hodgins)



"... teachers this year are putting more emphasis on different ways of teaching, such as more projects, better lab equipment, etc., rather than just following a textbook."

During a lab, a chemistry student notices the change in color of metal as it is heated over a flame. (S. Bean)

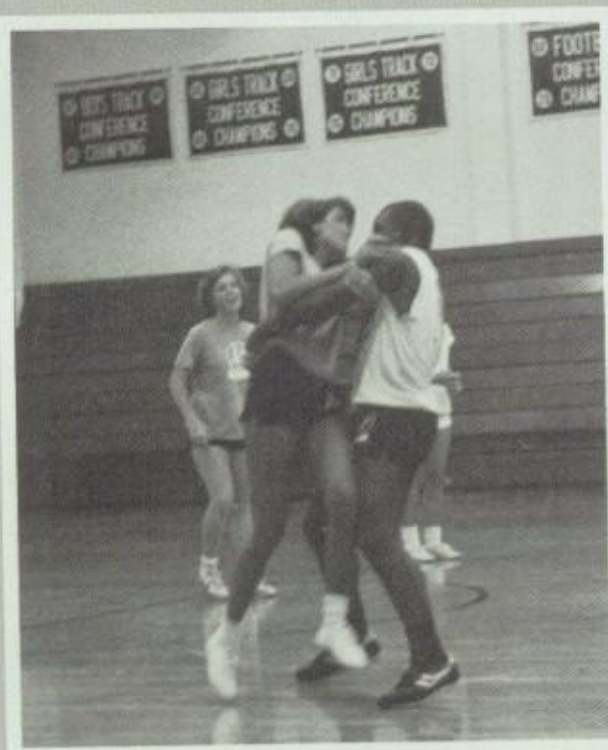
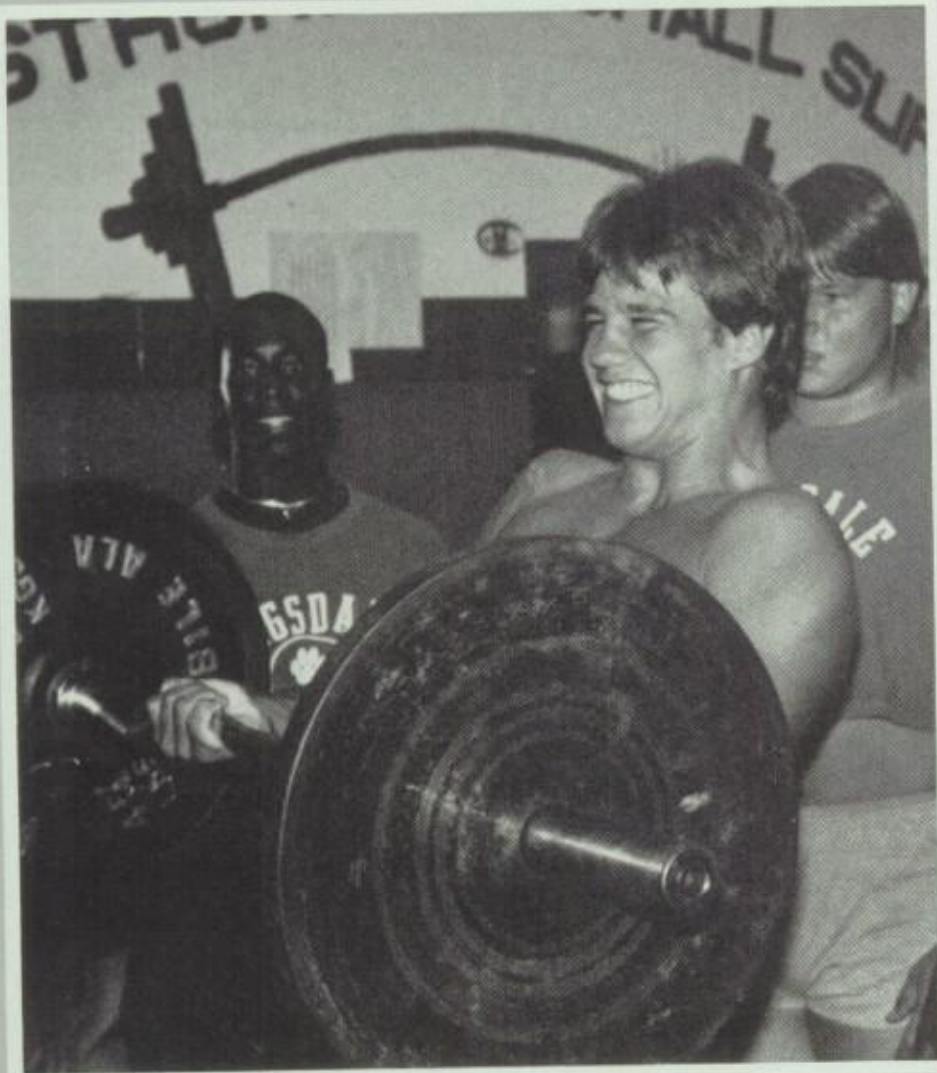


Measuring the exact amount of a chemical needed for his experiment, David Wilson takes care to get accurate results. (S. Bean)

As part of an experiment, Michelle Apple takes the job of teaching a tenth grade English class. (K. Baynes)



"Maxing out" in weightlifting class gives Steve Prentiss a chance to display his maximum strength. (S. Bean)



Instead of paying attention to their volleyball game, Natalie Justus and Bernard Reese amuse the class by goofing off. (K. Baynes)





Struggling to pull his chin above the bar, freshman Danny Biddle shows his determination to excel in strength. (S. Bean)



## ACTION!

"I'll say this: they work, just as hard on their own level," remarked one gym teacher comparing the attitudes of female students to those of the male students. Although gym was often regarded as a class enjoyed only by guys, more exciting and innovating gym activities attracted the attention of an increasing number of girls.

Physical education included nine weeks of driver's education and nine weeks of health, besides various sports activities. Another option which became more popular was to enroll in a weightlifting class, recently divided into girl's and guy's classes. Lifting weights proved to be an asset to each participating athlete's training.

Hearing the groans of students entering the locker room each day, one might ask the reason for some students' displeasure. Most people never enjoyed the idea of their hair getting tousled or clothes getting wrinkled while dressing out. On boiling hot spring and fall days running around the track or lifting weights often caused a great deal of discomfort. Still, many P.E. students found gym class to be a fun way to release the energy built up from sitting in hard classroom chairs all day.



Improving his quadriceps, Senior Warren Grant strains to press seventy pounds on leg extensions. (K. Baynes)

During a volleyball game, Chuck Dooley spikes the ball across the net to aid his team in a win. (K. Baynes)



# COLLEGE...

“Oh no! It’s 7:55! I’m late! I knew I shouldn’t have been out so late last night. No time for breakfast. I’ve got to go. Mom, where are my shoes?!” Some students at Ragsdale were most likely heard saying something of similar meaning one Saturday morning when they woke up and realized they were late for their very important Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT).

In order to do well on the SAT, many students took advantage of the computer program in the library to practice for the examination. Although taking tests like the SAT or the ACT were major steps toward going to college, it was only a small part in the hectic effort of deciding on and getting accepted to a suitable place for education after high school.

Preparations for college did not begin during one’s senior year. Taking advanced and college preparatory classes during the first three years of high school boosted one’s chances of getting accepted to a college of their

Taking time from their busy schedules, Elizabeth Gardner, Mark Tippet, and Sherry Kirkman visit the GTCC campus. (K. Baynes)

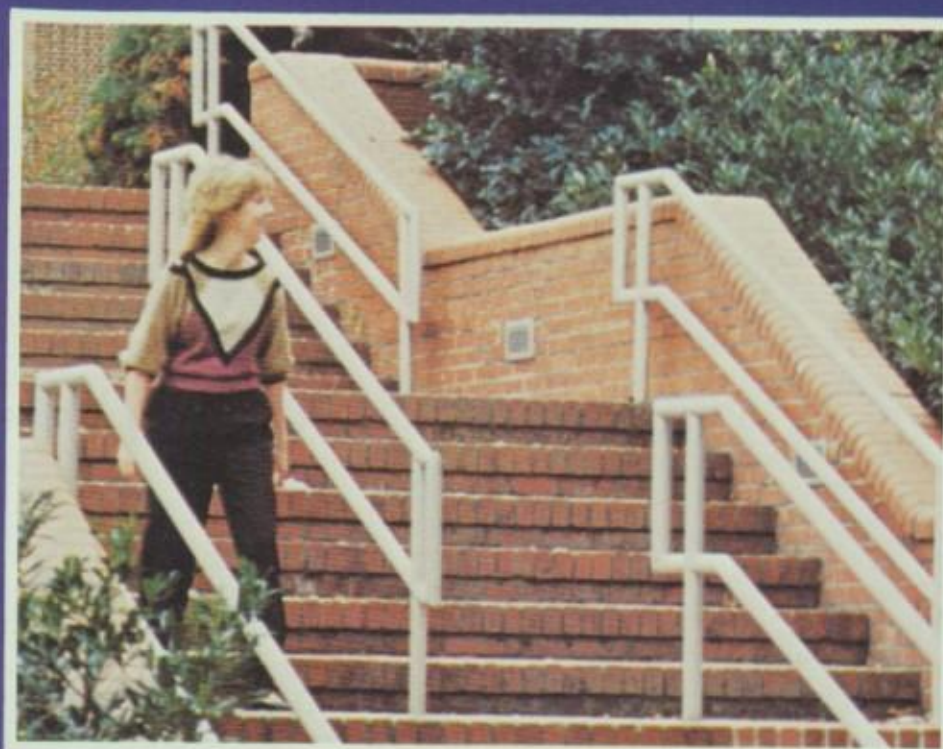
Wishing he were home in bed instead of getting ready to take the SAT, Ben Morton prepares to enter the testing area. (K. Baynes)



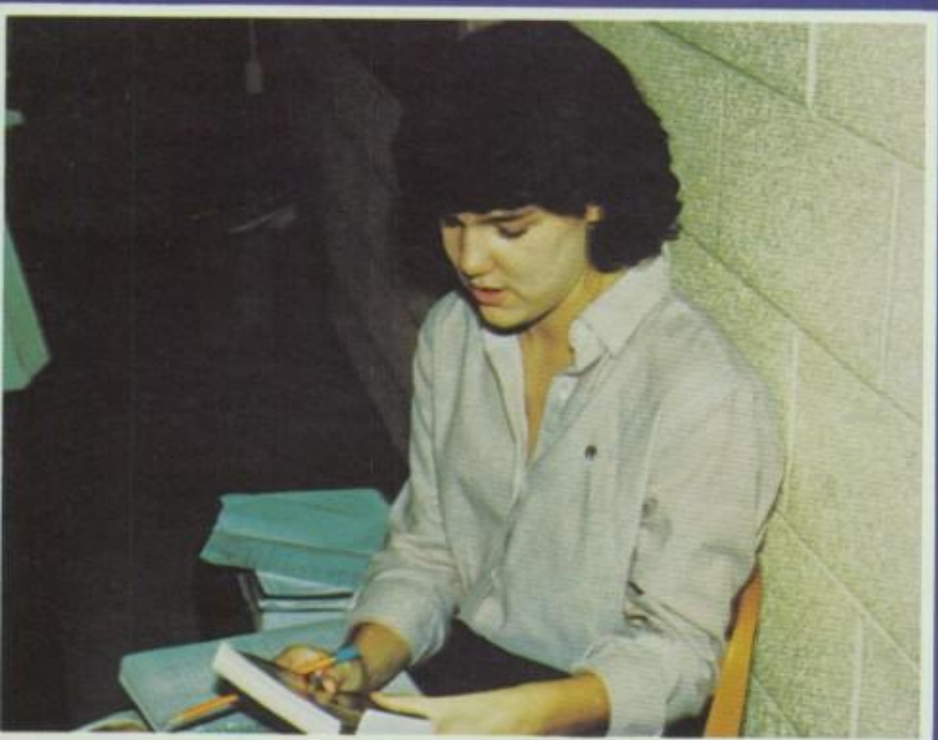




After school is a great time for Chanda Hall to visit the campus at UNC-G where she may one day further her education. (M. Hodgins)



Finding that a Saturday morning seminar can be fun and informative, Janie Underwood, Wendy Neal, and Jill Deck explore the Elon Campus. (K. Baynes)



Taking a positive step toward obtaining her future goals, Christy Pearce optimistically prepares an application for UNC-G. (K. Baynes)



# PREPARATIONS

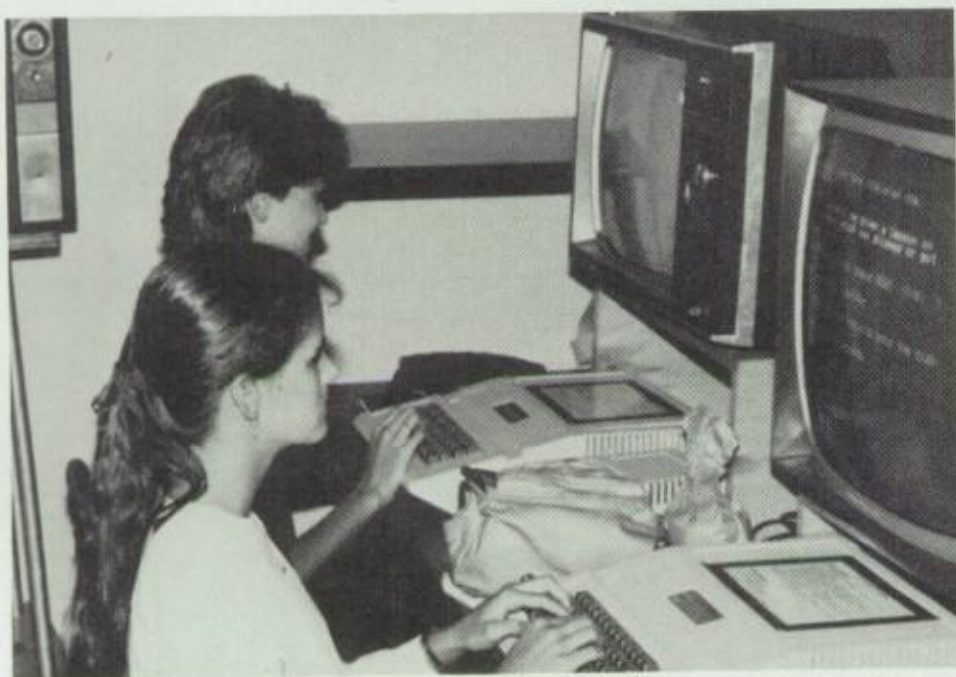
choice. However, throughout one's senior year, visiting prospective campuses and attending College Night to talk to college representatives helped a student to decide on the best college for their career choice. Filling out questionnaires and applications, plus many hours of careful thought were all a part of the preparation for attending college.

However, many students had a tough time deciding on their future. Talking to a counselor helped them to think through what they wanted out of their life, not what others expected from them. Ms. Dick commented: "The hardest thing towards college preparation for a senior is actually making the

decision." Deciding on where to go and what to do was a rough time for seniors.

Although college was a major step towards independence, many prospective college students at Ragsdale were a little reluctant to leave their high school friends and memories behind. "I'll miss my friends a lot", said senior Sherry Kirkman. "There's a big difference in Ragsdale and a big college campus where I won't know anyone. It will be like starting school all over again."

Thus, as could be witnessed at Ragsdale, many seniors spent their last year in high school cherishing the memories, while also looking ahead to see what their life held before them.



Taking advantage of the computer program in the library, Jennifer Doss practices the SAT to improve her chances at a high score. (K. Baynes)

Visiting the campus of Meredith College, Vanessa Perez contemplates with her father whether or not this is where she should attend. (J. Ingle)







Talking with a Western Carolina representative in the front commons, Kim Freeman gets an insight of Western's curriculum. (M. Hodgins)

College Night at the Coliseum is the perfect chance for Richie Pearson and Steven Anderson to discuss their career choices. (K. Baynes)





Waiting to take up money for the Beta Convention, Kim Ricketts, Hope Pruden, and Melissa Trone diligently work at preparing name tags. (S. Bean)

Beta Club — first row: Shelley Dennis, Janet Ingle, Hope Pruden, Christi Manges, Lorri Kiser; second row: Suzanne Hill, Donna Thomas, Sun Hee Song, Chanda Hall, Kim Haithcock; third row: Jane Hull, Alan Kersey, Karen Wise, Cynthia Ingram, Tricia Pierce, Henry Burkard; fourth row: Lowell Speight, Cindy McCoy, Donna Camp, Ann Hanna; fifth row: Amy Williford, Terrie McGinn, Amy Farlow, Kim Spencer, Yvonne Barber, Michael Lowry, Renee Dillon; sixth row: Greg Ridge, Chuck Kesler, Richard Miller, Alison Nipp, Scott Bean, Todd Misinheimer, Brian Proctor; seventh row: Jim Fahning, Roy Bivens, Bob Ross, Jin Woo Park, Allen Hewett, Mark Tippet, Stephanie Stokely; eighth row: Jay Dodson, Wendy Neel, Amy Bryant, Janie Underwood, Steve Long; ninth row: Maria Batista, Edwin Flynn, Andee Huber, Cindy Buffey, Mark Williams. (K. Baynes)





# TOP OF THE CLASS!!

**D**edication, perseverance, and determination. What do these words have in common? They all describe the main qualities of the outstanding students who went to great lengths to achieve recognition for their accomplishments.

Being the most prominent of the clubs for these students, the National Honor Society inducted those who maintained a grade point average of at least 3.4. The induction was held on February 14 and traditionally the new members were not informed beforehand. Their parents were contacted and they were surprised by the old members during sixth period. Maintaining above average grades was difficult for

many of the members because extra hours of studying were required to keep them. Preparing for homecoming was a big task taken on by NHS which took many hours to organize. Money raised by Fall candy sales went towards buying reading labs for the special education classes.

Another prestigious club was the Beta Club, whose members had to maintain a grade point average of 3.2. One of the many activities of this club was to prepare for homecoming and the preceding pep rally. Also, they hosted the District Beta Club Convention which was attended by several schools throughout the county. Elections for new officers were held for the district in

which Wendy Neel was elected for President and Suzanne Hill, Vice-President. Selling novelty gifts during the Fall earned money for two scholarships which were given to deserving seniors. Commented Senior Kathryn Johnston: "It is an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Beta Club because we've



At National Honors Society inductions, Cynthia Ingram takes a chance to relax from the hectic preparations. (M. Schadt)

Junior Marshals — first row: Janet Ingle, Christi Manges; second row: Shelley Dennis, Shelly Jordan, Kim Haithcock; third row: Chuck Kesler, Henry Burkard, Brian Riggs; fourth row: Allen Hewett, Jon Bender. (M. Hodglin)





# TOP OF THE CLASS!!

done so many wonderful things."

A great honor for juniors was to be chosen as a Junior Marshal for graduation. In order to qualify for this, one had to have an average of at least 3.7. The duties of these marshals were to hand out programs, to help with preparing and giving out diplomas, and to escort the seniors into the coliseum.

The toughest foreign language club to become a member of was the French National Honor Society. Maintaining straight A's throughout the first two years of French was the only way to be accepted as a member, which took much effort.

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Many students gave up part of their summer in order to further their education at Governor's School and Boys' and Girls' State. To be elected as a candidate for Governor's School one had to be nominated by a teacher. After the nomination the county chose the most outstanding students who excelled the most in the subject they applied for. As for Boys' and Girls' State, the participants were selected by the guidance counselors. This program consisted of establishing a mock government in which a governor was elected and the school

was run as a government during the two weeks. Boys' and Girls' State helped to further expand the student's knowledge of governmental procedures.

As could be seen by the devotion these students applied towards their academics, they certainly deserved the honors they received. The members of these clubs strove to stimulate enthusiasm throughout the school and community and to encourage other students to excel in school. All of these students spent many long hours preparing for their classes in order to be at the TOP OF THE CLASS!!



Governor's School — Jill Deck, Wendy Neel (not pictured; Brian Riggs). (S. Bean)

Working hard to fulfill their jobs as Beta Club members, Kim Spencer and Amy Farlow cheerfully serve refreshments to the newly inducted members at a reception which follows the ceremony. (S. Bean)







National Honor Society — first row: Shelley Dennis, Kim Haithcock, Janet Ingle, Karen Wise, Stephanie Stokely; second row: Christi Manges, Christy Pearce, Tricia Pierce, Hope Pruden, Van McKay, Chuck Kesler, Sherri Mullis; third row: Allen Hewett, Henry Burkard, Cynthia Ingram, Shelly Jordan, Sharon Davis. (K. Baynes)

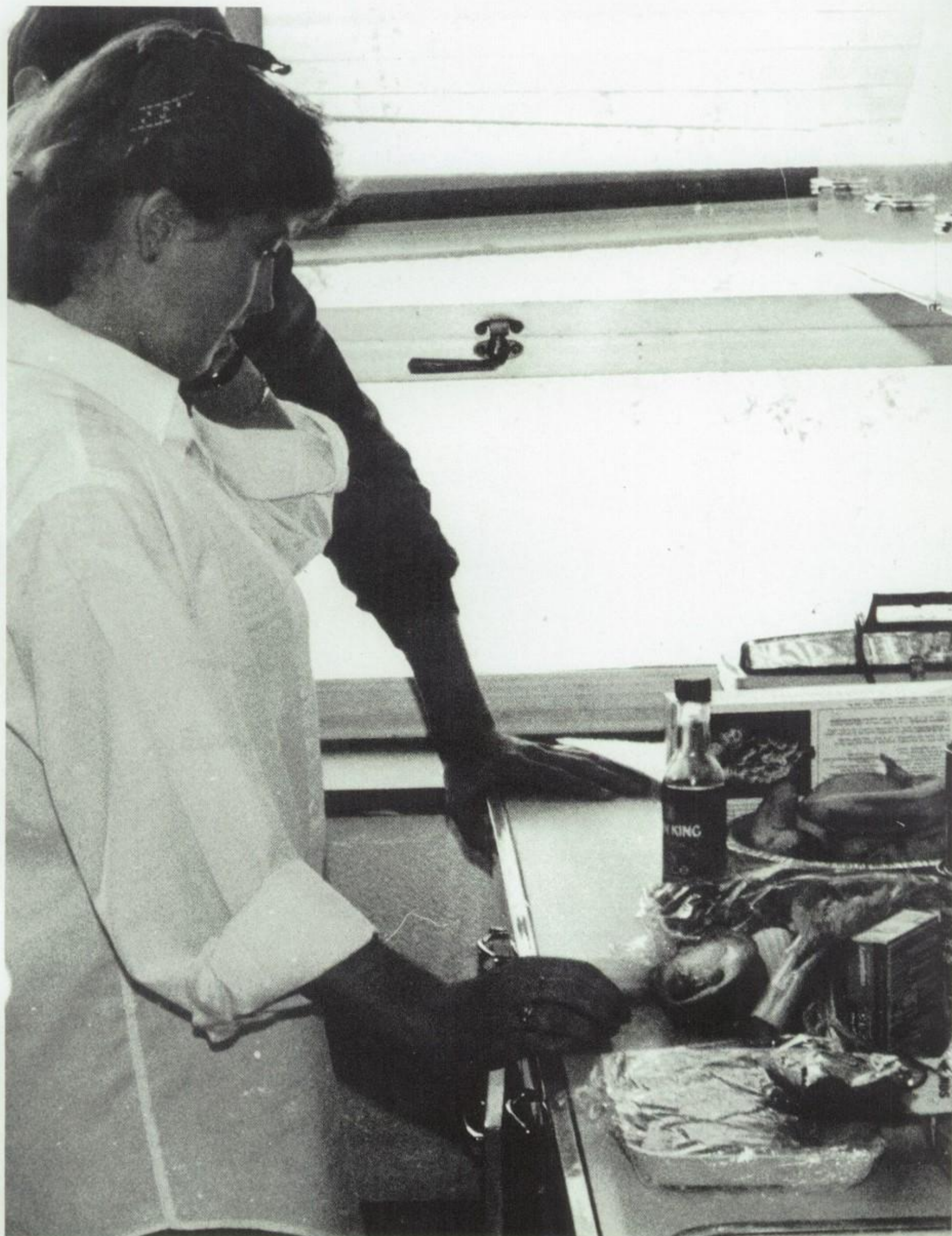
As President of the Beta Club, Shelley Dennis makes sure the decorations are complete for the homecoming pep rally. (K. Haithcock)



French National Honor Society — Edwin Flynn, Cindy McCoy, Mark Williams, Christi Manges,

Renee Dillon, M. Wolf (not pictured; Brian Riggs). (S. Bean)





Carefully selecting which items she will need, Cynthia Trone prepares to cook a casserole in home economics class. (S. Bean)



# COOKING WITH CLASS

About mid-morning many students were embarrassed by a growling stomach. Hunger had set in. However, many students had Home Economics class to look forward to. Not only did these students cook (and eat) the delicious deserts and recipes they concocted, but they also learned about sew-

ing, etiquette, and domestic issues in general.

The Future Homemakers of America, (FHA) were also very busy this year. They sponsored "Ask FHA", a feature where students could submit their problems and receive advice. They also collected various items for

those less fortunate. They took up medicine containers for the people of Africa and clothing for needy families. The willingness of the Future Homemakers of America to work and the selfless response of the student body were contributing factors to the FHA's success this year.



FHA — front row: Mary Ann Ward, Dennie Kendrick, Amy Farlow, Jenny Bennett; second row: Mary Stroud, Brent Carter, Michelle Humphries, Kathy Jones, Moira Jerry, Rhonda Harris; third row: Chrissy Idol, Felicia Wallace, Patrick Quick, Eric Wardlew, Mrs. Croom. (J. Ingle)



Slicing tomatoes, Vanessa Dunlap and Amy Register prepare a gourmet salad in home economics class. (S. Bean)



Concerned with her students' progress, Mrs. Croom is always willing to offer her time and advice when needed. (S. Bean)



**Spanish Club** — front row: Pamela Wiggins, Vanessa Perez, Cynthia Trone, Maria Batista, Andee Huber, Stacy Holladay, Susan Dolejs, Kim Freeman, Sharon Chapel; second row: Jana Greer, Amy Highfill, Angie Marshall, Suzanne Hill, Sunhee Song, Amy Bryant, Katherine Johnston, Dina Wesley; third row: Corinna Dunn, Henry Burkard, Angie Miller, Megan Long, Charlie Wray, Mary Dixon, Kelly York; fourth row: Jeffery Priddy, Michelle Bird, Melissa Trone, Mark Tippet, Steve Fuller, Mike Davis, Justin Boldin; back row: Chuck Kesler, John Threat. (K. Baynes)

**French Club** — front row: Rozetta Stroud, Scott Wise, Nancy Petty, Melissa Peele, Kim Moore; second row: Rene Jefferys, Jane Hull, Allan Kersey, Todd Anders, Laura Wolfe, Kim Haithcock, Cynthia Ingram, Michael Lowry, Rene Dillion; third row: Nathalie Adams, Hughes Hoyle, Greg Ridge, Scott Mann, Scott Bean, Tammy Hudson, Amy Farlow, Shelley Dennis, Karen Wise; fourth row: Angie Bolin, Karen Craven, Kim Ricketts, Rene Johnson, Cindy McCoy, Misty McCall, Buffy LaVack, Courtney Shaw, Matt Franz, Chris Johnson; fifth row: Todd Meisenheimer, Lori Kiser, Janet Ingle, Lynne Miller, Allison Nipp, Angela Shore, Mary Ann Ward, Christi Manges, Hope Pruden, Jay Muckenfuss, Ann Hanna, Tammy Epting, Monica McCall, Richard Miller, Jeff Purvis, Shannon Shuping, Edwin Flynn, Laura Campbell, Ashley Stone, Kamie Hall; sixth row: Michelle Gleeson, Dawn Ridge, Julia Frost, Cindy Buffey, Janie Underwood, Sharon Horner, Lisa Kester; back row: Tammy Trottier, Nancy Oliphant, Misty Peoples, Jason Long, John Wilkie, David Wilson, Giles Smith. (K. Baynes)



Happy to be out of the pouring rain, Wendy Neel listens to a somewhat amusing remark said by a fellow member of the French Club. (K. Baynes)

## I DO

Something special took place during late February this year. The event was a pair of weddings performed by Dennis Carroll's two French II classes. Besides creating a great deal of excitement around the school, the mock ceremonies also attracted attention from local newspapers.

Although everyone had a specific task, the two grooms and their brides-to-be were undoubtedly the most important. Allen Hewett and Tim Hole acted as the grooms while Cari Belk and Angela Nixon were their brides. Most involved felt that the exposure to French customs was a unique experience.

Celebrating the joyous occasion, Allen Hewett and Cari Belk, alias husband and wife, taste some of their wedding cake. (K. Haithcock)





# CAN YOU TRANSLATE THAT?

Only the students in the French and Spanish clubs knew how much fun they were having. Even though they did not always understand just

exactly what the teacher was talking about, many agreed that learning a foreign language was definitely worth the effort.

The Spanish and French clubs got started early in the year by inducting new members. Meetings, as well as culture days within the classes, helped to insure organization in the clubs and to keep comradery between the members strong.

Events involving the French club began with the corsage and boutonniere sale at homecoming. Sponsoring a deprived foreign child with the club's funds was a major project taken on by the members. In the spring, the club held a faculty dinner in which committees were formed to insure success. Also, plans for the annual European trip were begun by French Club supervisor, Laura Wolf, which was to be held during the summer.

Increased enthusiasm among Spanish students led to an enlarged membership within the Spanish club. Meeting at popular restaurants such as Casa Gallardo's and the Mexican Eatery were also considered to keep membership strong.

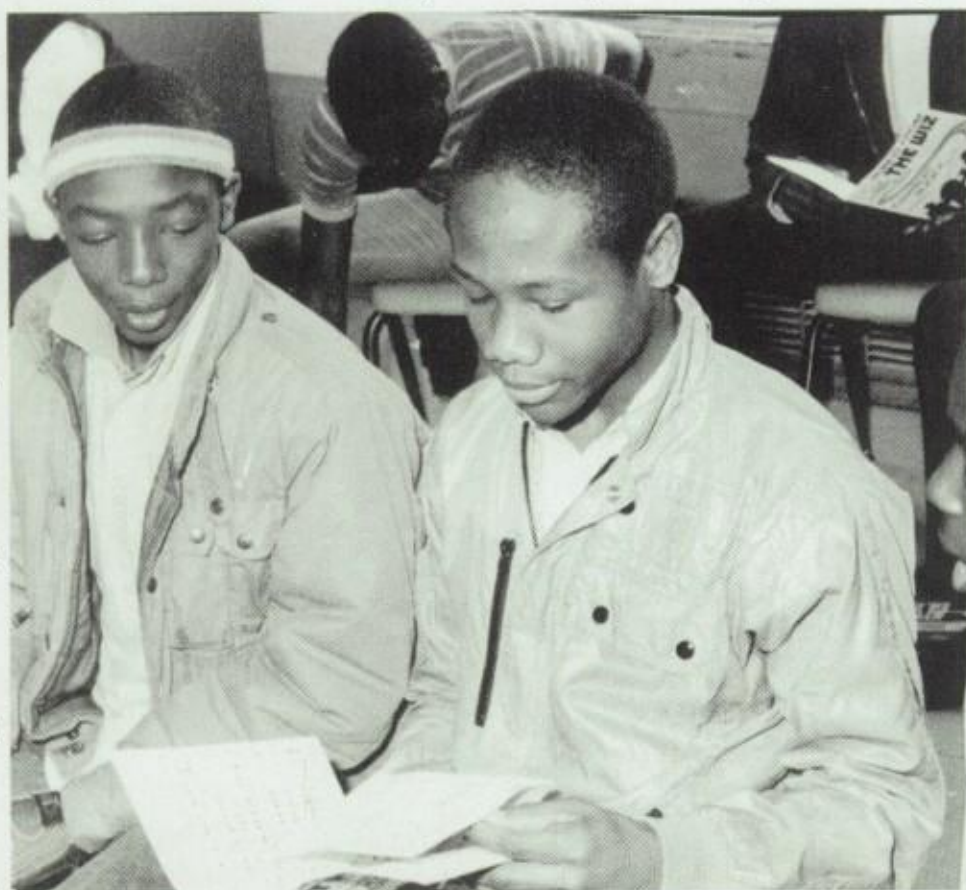
Throughout the year, both clubs remained popular among many students. The pleasure students experienced went far beyond the classroom. So, as the year progressed, the new, as well as the old foreign language students, improved their speaking and listening skills while still having fun. However, just because they sometimes found it difficult to communicate, all agreed that the enjoyment was worth the trouble.

While sampling some authentic Spanish cuisine, Jimmy Varner pauses to laugh at a friend's joke. (S. Bean)





Concentrating intently on their sheet music, Billy Steele and Luther Johnson demonstrate their belief that practice does make perfect. (K. Baynes)



First-year performer Rence Oliphant sings during a show for the Sedgefield Women's Club over the holidays. (K. Baynes)



Mixed Chorus — front row: Jean Webster, Jennifer Faircloth, Michelle Carter, Nancy Nichols, Ms. Dalton, Val Merced, Donna Hicks, Tracy Boyd, Sheila Swinton; second row: Rochelle King, Nancy Oliphant, Kim Yarbray, Christine Carty, Richard Moore, Billy Steele, Luther Johnson, Nevada Jackson, Cindy Lewis; back row: Linsey Pinson, Melissa Russell, Sam Quick, Mike Mcmillan, Ken Williams, Felicia Wallace, Renee Smith, Angela Duff. (K. Baynes)



# SHOWTIME!!!

Does the thought of a romantic cruise through the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Ocean appeal to you? This thought, which is merely a dream for most of us, was a reality for the members of Ragsdale's jazz ensemble, more commonly known as Rhythm and Rhapsody. Last Easter, the group took advantage of the opportunity to perform on a luxury oceanliner, and in the process, soaked up some of the Caribbean sun.

Closer to home, Rhythm and Rhapsody was kept busy fulfilling their area commitments and requests to perform. In honor of the 10th anniversary of

Four Seasons Mall, they performed on the center stage. Another performance at Four Seasons was in the Convention Center at the Holiday Inn. The occasion was a dinner party involving the leaders of Guilford County's educational system. More informal performances were given at inductions such as those for Beta Club and National Honor Society.

An annual show presented by Rhythm and Rhapsody was "Celebration". Requiring countless hours of preparation, the hard work culminated on the nights of March 29 and 30. The show, choreographed entirely by

the Rhythm and Rhapsody ensemble, was a combination of group and solo performances.

Nevertheless, Rhythm and Rhapsody was not the only choral group at Ragsdale. The Mixed Chorus also put in many hours of hard work, often sacrificing free time in the process. Their biggest performance of the year was a Christmas show in which they sang both old and new carols. Under the direction of Ms. Angie Dalton, as was Rhythm and Rhapsody, the choral group often performed at area churches and schools.

Yet, no matter what the occasion or season, the choral performers of Ragsdale were always ready for showtime!

During the Christmas season, Greg Berry and Kim Freeman display their holiday spirit at a Rhythm and Rhapsody performance. (K. Baynes)



Rhythm & Rhapsody — front: Jennifer Corn, Craig Putnam, Wendy Neel, Betty Hoyle, Lee Chestnutt, Jay Dodson, Scott Rhoades, Jamie Lanning, Jim Fahning, Amy Barnes, Jill Deck; back row: Rence Oliphant, Ms. Dalton, Vanessa Perez, Jonathan Young, Elizabeth Gardner, Jae Chestnutt, Mary Hunter, Steven Gollehon, Kim Freeman, Steven Anderson, Sherry Kirkman, Greg Berry. (K. Baynes)



# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Whether the action was performing a melodrama or miming a skit, the members of the Drama Club and BREW were indeed involved in entertaining others.

This year the Drama Club, after long hours of rehearsing and perfecting attended a contest at High Point College where they competed with various schools throughout the state. They performed an ensemble play, *Twain by the Tale* and the award-winning *The Fog*, in which Wendi Laughlin won an honorable mention for her portrayal of an elderly woman. Furthermore, the Drama Club helped to bring Christmas joy to elementary school students by performing an improvisational Christ-

mas story.

The members of the mime troop, BREW, also worked diligently to perfect their talents. BREW entertained at various conventions, as well as performed center stage at Four Seasons Mall anniversary celebration. BREW member Julia Frost commented that, "Mime is difficult because there is no dialogue. Everything is done with the body."

Indeed the Drama Club and BREW were active entertainers who always brought enjoyment to their audiences.

With a look of concentration on her face, Stephanie Rawls performs a dramatic monologue for her drama class. (S. Bean)



**Drama Club** — front row: Wendi Laughlin, Julia Frost, Jennifer Corn, Jamie Lanning, Sherry Kirkman, Jill Deck; second row: Jim Fahning, Kelly Scarboro, Cami Bond, Pam Maready, Richard Niles; third row: Jerry Wadsly, Donald Dohm, Nancy Nichols, Mary Dixon, Gina Rose, Kim Clayton, Lee Swisher, Scott Carty, Kim Patterson, Sara Zeller, Sherrie Mullis, Lisa Baker. (S. Bean)



**BREW** — front row: Cami Bond, Jennifer Corn, Julia Frost, Kim Clayton; second row: Ms. Dalton, Richard Niles, Gina Rose; third row: Pam Maready, Jim Fahning, Richard Niles, Kelly Scarboro, Donald Dohm, Shannon Riley. (S. Bean)





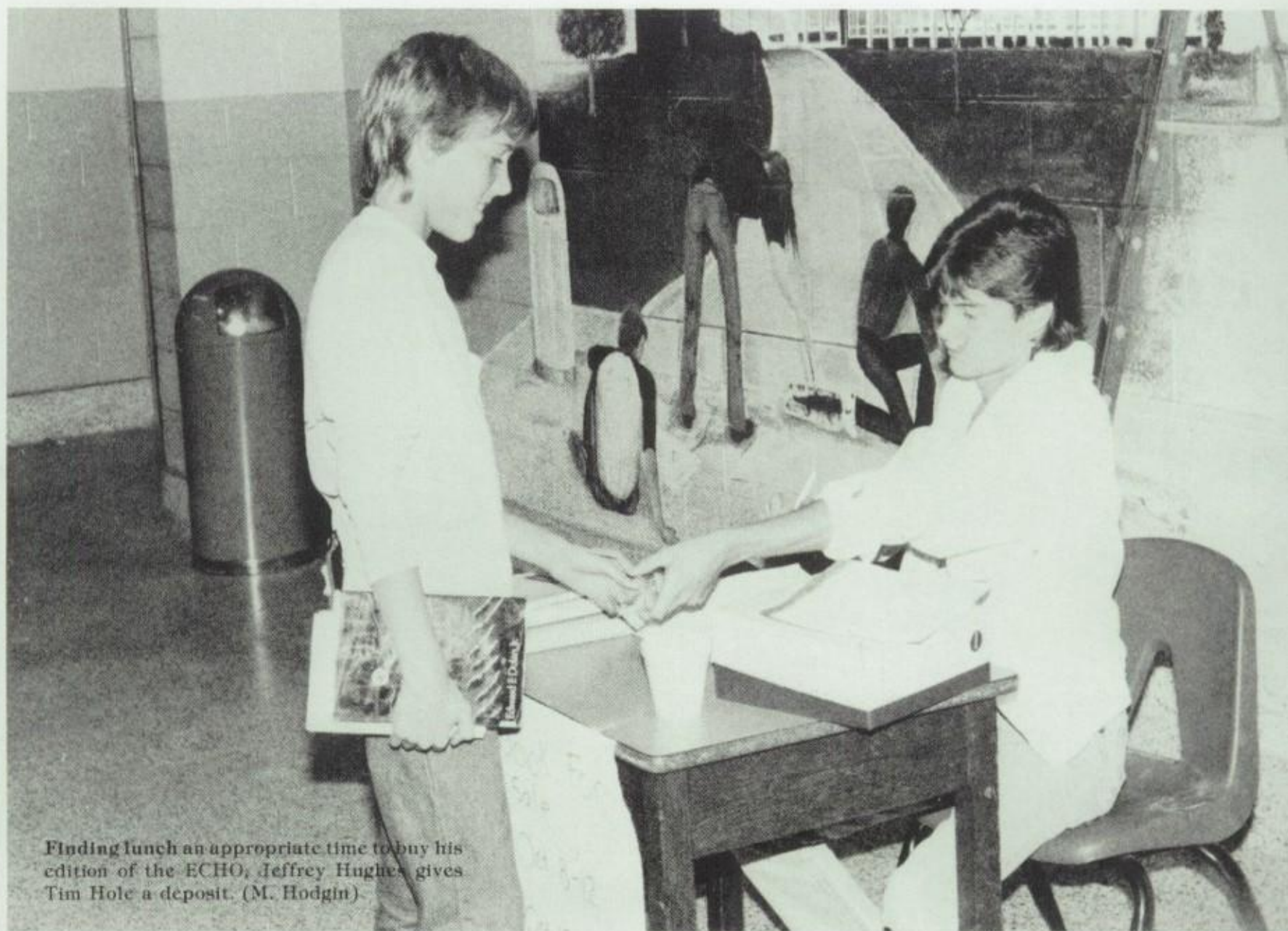


Practicing his mime to perfection, Donald Dohm prepares his skit for a future BREW performance. (S. Bean)



Showing their creativity, Jennifer Corn, Jamie Lanning, and Sherry Kirkman work on humorous skits in drama class. (S. Bean)





Finding lunch an appropriate time to buy his edition of the ECHO, Jeffrey Hughes gives Tim Hole a deposit. (M. Hodglin)

## IN PRINT!!

“Where’s the newspaper?” That was the big question concerning publications this year. The 1984-85 TIGER PROWL staff found this to be asked by many faithful subscribers who regularly looked forward to a new edition of the informationally-oriented newspaper. Through no fault of the TIGER PROWL staff, only one paper had been delivered by March. Plagued by continual problems with the typesetter, the staff was able to complete all of the promised editions; yet, getting the paper to the students remained a problem.

Under the guidance of a new sponsor, Ms. Teer, and with the help of graphics supervisor Mr. Lamm, the TIGER PROWL was able to incorporate several new ideas into the paper, one of which was a column that addressed controversial events and ideas in terms

of the pros and cons.

Though not troubled by printing problems, the ECHO staff did encounter some obstacles. Deadline time always found staff members striving to complete their layouts and section editors proofreading for mistakes. Another challenge presented to the staff was the requirement of each member to sell \$500 worth of advertisements.

Following the March deadline, the last remaining pages were delivered to Delmar Studios in Charlotte by the entire staff, which got a first-hand look as to how the book was assembled. With the pressures finally relieved, ECHO staff members were given some instruction in computer programming and generally relaxed, hoping that they had adequately responded to the question, “What Did You Expect?”





Taking the time to do a good job, junior Amy Williford proofreads her newspaper copy in order to insure a quality product. (K. Baynes)



Yearbook Staff — front row: Kim Haithcock, Jill Deck, Mike Hodgins, Jay Dodson, Scott Bean, Theresa Tate, Shannon Kenner; second row: Tricia Pierce, Cindy Buffey, Renee Dillon, Steve Long, Christi Manges, Janie Underwood, Janet Ingle, Alison Nipp, Jeff Purvis; back row: Mark Schadt, Mike Hunt, Roy Bivens, Maria Batista, Andee Huber, Ken Baynes, Sterling Gilreath, Richard Miller, Edwin Flynn, Wendy Neel. (D. Carroll)



Working as a team, Kathryn Johnston and James Rider work diligently to meet their dreaded deadline. (K. Baynes)

Newspaper staff — front row: James Rider, Melissa Trone, Jeff Woodburn, Nancy Catoe, Lynne Miller, Derek Holland, Elizabeth Gardner, Sunhee Song, Laura Buchanan, Angie Polin; back row: Sharon Davis, Jimmy Varner, Melissa Harrelson, Amy Williford, Sara Matthews, Kathryn Johnson, Julia Frost, Karen Craven, Ms. Teer, Mr. Lamm. (K. Baynes)



Receiving her first semester report card in homeroom, Tyra Hailey is surprised at one of her grades. (M. Hodglin)

# MAKING THE GRADE

As report cards are hated  
And good grades are needed,  
The mailbox gets raided,  
Interception completed.

**"N**ot again! Another borderline grade!" This year, it was just a little bit easier for students to "make the grade" that they aimed for. The school grading scale was changed so that A's had a wider range as the minimum scores for other letter grades moved down. Teachers often found it difficult to remember to make the adjustment, as many students delighted in pointing out to them.

To make the grade, it was necessary to attend class as regularly as possible. If a student skipped one or more classes, the normal punishment was two days in ALC. This served one of two purposes for each student involved; either it became a deterrent to students considering skipping, or it made them much more careful when breaking the rule.



Many borderline grades have a helping shove as Rodney Hasty sees, due to the grading scale change which was to the students' advantage. (M. Hodglin)



Spending a long day in the alternative learning center, a freshman learns the consequences of misbehaving at Ragsdale. (S. Bean)



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# RAGSDALE REVIEW

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Ragsdale High School - 602 High Point Rd., Jamestown, N.C. 27282

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orothy Miller has served as a teacher at Ragsdale High School, as well as a guidance counselor. Also, she worked in the county office as the Director of Guidance and the Director of Secondary Education for the Guilford County School System. Her husband, Kenneth T. Miller, was serving as District Principal for the Jamestown District when Ragsdale opened its doors.

After trying to conduct class in a hallway, Mrs. Miller was thrilled with Ragsdale and all of

its space and "functionality." Having a new, up-to-date building and materials with everything under one roof made teaching even more of a pleasure. Teachers, as well as students, were more relaxed because of the



extra space. The bigger school did not make them nervous or uneasy.

Teenagers, she feels, have changed for the better over the

past years and are a great group of people. To her, they are more sophisticated, smarter, have more advantages, opportunities, and experiences. Therefore, "teachers have to be more keen than in years before." During all of the years, her advice to students has not changed. It is: "Be the best you can be at whatever you choose to do in life and care for the people around you." This will make your life much happier and the lives of other people, too.

One thing that has changed over the years that she sees is club initiations. One year when she was teaching, the new members of a club had to dress up as a character in a famous piece of literature.

## Educationally Sound

From the beginning of the Quaker settlement in "Old Jamestown" over two hundred years ago till the present time, education has been a prime concern of the founders and settlers in the Jamestown area. "Pre-formal Schools" — the youngsters having been taught in their homes by tutors; Subscription schools — neighborhood groups joining together to supply a teacher; a free night school for anyone who wished to "read, write, and cipher;" a Seminary for young la-

Education has been a prime concern of the founders and settlers in the Jamestown area.

dies; Jamestown Female College, and academy; a law school and a medical school — all flourished in the early years.

In 1885 the Guilford County Board of Education organized for the im-

provement of instruction and educational advantages, and a public school was conducted at this time in Old Jamestown. In 1907, the general assembly enacted a law providing for the creation and maintenance of public high schools in each county. Thus, Jamestown Public School, a union school, was built and became the "best equipped school" in the county with dormitories for boarding students — boys and girls.

Catastrophe struck in 1915 when the school was destroyed by fire, but a beautiful new building with a wide portico and handsome columns was completed the same year. The high school, being fed by five elementary schools in the Jamestown District, grew steadily, and a new high school complex became the dream of all concerned. That dream became a reality with the opening of Lucy Coffin Ragsdale High School on September 2, 1959. Thus, Jamestown High School became Ragsdale High School.

This house once served as a place for teachers to live. They had a bedroom, kitchen, and parlor to themselves.







Sitting on the steps of the first Jamestown public school, several of the sixty some members pose for an annual picture.

The second Jamestown school, which was built after the first one burned, still stands in the center of the town.



Five of the eight members of an early graduating class wait at the Ragsdale's house for the ceremony to begin.

Sitting in front of the teacherage, the eleven members of an early baseball team sit with their coach.

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## HISTORY

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In a chemistry class, these ten young men work on a lab. When the school first opened, only boys could take sciences.



## IN FOCUS



In 1960, Mr. E. P. Pierce was serving his first of nineteen years as Superintendent of

Guilford County schools. Then, there were only 12,000-13,000 students in the whole system. Now, that number has more than doubled. During his administration, he supervised the building of all the current Guilford County High Schools. When Ragsdale was built, many people in the state did not realize the need for separate high schools. Soon, the problem of overcrowding made the people of Jamestown under-

stand the need. This is why he feels that Ragsdale was a milestone in education because it was the first comprehensive high school in the area. It "set the pace" for all the others to follow and try to match. Now, students could choose a program to prepare themselves for college or to train them for a vocation to start after graduation.

Mr. Pierce considers the changes in schools for the most part to have been good. The addition of many new electives he admits may have been confusing, but the hiring of guidance counselors was a wonderful idea. Some of the special projects taught now, such as drug and alcohol awareness, are much needed. However, he believes that all

of the responsibility should not fall on the schools, but that parents should take time to discuss such subjects with their children in order to help them to make wise decisions. The result of these added electives is a better rounded student. But, he adds, that the strongest attention should still be given to the three "R's".

Finally, he advises all students to "make the most of the opportunities that have been afforded them through the fine programs and facilities" in their school system. Hopefully everyone realizes how much better off they are compared to twenty-five years ago and will continue to improve in the future, he concluded.



# History

Ragsdale was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1962 and became the first high school in the Guilford County School System to receive this recognition.

Of course, co-curricular and athletic activities have always played a major role in the well-rounded program. During its 25-year history, the Ragsdale Tiger athletic teams have won state championships in 3 sports; football, wrestling, and golf.

Ragsdale High School has a rich heritage of which it is very proud. The progress that the high school has made through the years is due in a great part to the positive leadership, interest, cooperation and loyalty of its educational leaders, parents, and friends in the community.

By: Mrs. Kenneth T. Miller

The 1914 basketball team consisted of seven team members. Jamestown has always had a fine athletic program.



The first school built in Jamestown was made of clap boards. It burned in 1915.

Sitting in the gym at the old Jamestown High School, the faculty smiles for a group picture.



# Athletic Excellence

Ragsdale High School has always been recognized as an area leader in academics, but the school bears a prestigious tradition in athletics as well.

Ragsdale struck again in 1972 under Coach Richard Kemp when they reached the semi-finals of the state play-offs before losing to Tuscola High School. Kemp led the Tigers to a 16-16 tie in the finals the following year.

Wrestling at Ragsdale began in 1966 under the guidance of Coach Mike Raybon who has had continued success to the present day. Tiger grapplers have won a dozen conference titles along with three state championship banners which hang in the gymnasium, making wrestling the most successful sport in the history of the school.

Judy Flynn began what could be called a girls' basketball dynasty when she commanded high-scoring, offensive teams to nine consecutive conference titles beginning in 1967. This dominance culminated in 1975

when the girls gave a very respectable showing in the state tournament with a 75-73 loss in the finals.

Directed by Coach Jerry Haney, the boys' track team put together a short string of conference titles in the late sixties. Meanwhile, the girls' track team had their share of success, posting eight conference championships since 1966.

The girls' and boys' golf teams succeeded in winning three state titles between them.

Without a doubt, 1974 and 1975 were the best two years athletically since Ragsdale's existence. The football team captured a state championship with a 34-0 shutout of Ahoskie, and both baseball and girls' basketball were defeated in the finals. Furthermore, Ragsdale won conference titles in golf, softball, and wrestling.

Yelling instructions to a wrestler on the mat in 1972, Coach Mike Raybon shows his knowledge that has given Ragsdale three state titles.

Cheering themselves as well as Coach Judy Flynn, the 1974-75 girls' basketball team enjoys their runner-up trophy.

Celebrating after a smashing victory over Ahoskie, Ricky Adams shows the crowd that Ragsdale was indeed number one in 1974.



Looking like true champions, the 1967 winners of the state golf title proudly pose for a picture.







## IN FOCUS



"We have not had to hang our heads down to anybody because I think we've had our share

of honors both athletically and academically," remarked T. G. Madison, Ragsdale High School's principal for nineteen years, when asked what made the school unique.

When Ragsdale opened in 1959, it opened with T. G. Madison as its principal. Mr. Madison, like most of the faculty, came from Jamestown School (now Jamestown Elementary) which

contained grades 1-12. Only twenty-six faculty members taught and administered 650 students that first year.

No new territory has ever been added to the Ragsdale District, although students have been lost in the creation of new schools such as Southern and Southwest Guilford. Ragsdale pulled students from schools with lower grades such as Jamestown, Millis Road, Union Hill, Sedgefield, and Florence (after desegregation in 1964 when the first black students attended the school).

"The community help at Ragsdale is something you don't see everywhere," Mr. Madison commented as he recounted how the town members managed to find the funds for five buses and the

construction of two athletic fields with lights. This same aid was recently shown by the building of the new press box.

Mr. Madison was born in Thomasville and went to Walkertown High School in Forsyth County. He received a Bachelor of Science degree at High Point College and his Masters of Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His teaching career began at the Boys' Club, then Jamestown, and finally, at Ragsdale until the fall of 1978.

Mr. Madison, who now serves as Assistant Superintendant of Secondary Education of Guilford County, lives just down the road from Ragsdale and still keeps in touch with school happenings.



# The Range of Education

Holding his chin above the bar, Larry Collins uses all his strength to get a good daily grade in gym. (S. Bean)

The curriculum offered at Ragsdale High School has been increased over the past twenty-five years. When Ragsdale began, science, English, math, and some electives were stressed. Over time, many variations of these courses developed.

In 1960, very few advanced classes were offered in different subject areas. The faculty and the parents placed a strong importance on home economics. There were so many students involved in this program that two teachers were hired to help students learn how to cook and sew. Typing and other business classes were offered as well.

Calculus, Honors English, and advance sciences were not available for students to take in 1960. Thus, Ragsdale High School genuinely increased

its curriculum over the years.

Work programs were not available when Ragsdale began either. In 1960, the school discouraged the practice of students working at jobs outside of school during school hours. This belief has definitely changed over the years.

The curriculum from 1960-1985 had many similarities and differences.

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Over the years, Ragsdale greatly increased its curriculum to benefit the students. These changes gave students new insights to careers.

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Over time, Ragsdale High School has improved its courses and its opportunities in order to benefit the students.



Trying to choose some good food to eat, Courtenay Shaw and Misty Peoples enjoy their French food on culture day. (S. Bean)



Experimenting with some chemicals, Van McKay records his data. Advanced biology students do labs frequently in class. (S. Bean)

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## CURRICULUM

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Teaching for twenty-five consecutive years is a huge accomplishment. Ms. Kimmel,

a biology teacher, and Mr. Klosterman, a drivers-ed teacher, have both taught since Ragsdale began in 1960. Both of them had many memorable experiences at Ragsdale.

Ms. Kimmel taught advanced and college prep biology through the same means as she does today. She said that there were several differences from 1960-1985. In 1960, each science teacher had two separate classrooms. One

room was used for the actual class instructions, and the other was used for lab assignments. Because of space, science classes and labs were combined into one room similar to today.

Mr. Klosterman said that as he has taught students to drive over the years, he has learned the finer points of teaching. Because of his past experiences, he understood all the different situations that students encounter while driving. He became more demanding on his drivers because he knew what was expected of them. He drilled his students with many important driving principles which needed to be recalled while driving. Mr. Klosterman said that he loved his work, but he never would want to go back in time.

In 1960, the number of students within the classes was about the same, but teachers did not have preparation periods. When students had study halls, they had them as a group in one class.



Mr. Klosterman and Ms. Kimmel have both taught for a long time and have many years of experience. They both enjoyed what they taught and were very happy with their memories at Ragsdale High School. Their years at Ragsdale were treasured times.



Listening closely to Ms. Wolf's explanation, Allen Hewett and Michelle Gleason try to understand the new concepts. (K. Baynes)



Typing quickly, but accurately, Dawn Dennis tries to do her best on her assignments during class. (S. Bean)



Standing outside the school, these 1976 National Honor Society members display the fashions of the '70's.



In the front commons, Lori Belk and Eric Lowe chat about the day. They are wearing the new 1980 fashions.



## Saddle Shoes to Izod

"Yuck! Mom, I can't wear that to school anymore!" Moms from every age and time have heard this before. Styles have changed and fads have come and gone and students have tried to keep up with them.

When Ragsdale first opened its doors in 1959, the girls wore saddle shoes, bobby socks, long, full skirts, no hose and never pants or jeans. The boys sported pegged pants, button-downs with sweaters and loafers. Their hair was combed into duck tails in the back.

Since then, the halls at Ragsdale have seen mini-skirts come and go. Blue jeans for guys and gals came and stayed. However, the style has been modified over the years. They used to

be hip huggers with bell bottoms for girls and boot leg cut for guys. The Izod alligator debuted along with the other "preppy" styles. This year, some of the old fashions returned with an updated new wave look.

Places to hang out have always changed. The Class of 1960 used to go to either Bob Pettys on High Point Rd., before the road was what it is today, or to The Topper, which used to be in High Point. Some of the more recent favorites have been Putt-Putt, The Depot, and the ever popular mall.

Many other fads have passed through the halls only to be replaced.

These two 1959 freshmen enter the new school wearing the fashions of that time.



Listening carefully to the cheerleaders at a pep rally, these juniors display some of the latest fashions of 1984.

### FADS



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or the past twenty-five years, Audry Wrike has faithfully served as the secre-

tary for Ragsdale High School. She attended Jamestown High School. It was there that she also began her career.

When asked how her job had changed and what she liked best, she quickly answered that she liked working with students and getting to know them. Her job really has not changed too much over the past twenty-five years. Some things like doing the total

payroll have shifted to various other postions in the county which is an improvement. Part of her job includes filling our purchase orders from various departments and keeping up with teacher absentees. Other than



that, she still keeps up with the money in the school budget and keeps the account books.

"I feel like teenagers are the finest group of people in the

world," she replied when asked her opinion on youngsters. Also, she feels that they have not really changed over the last quarter of a century, "Just their likes and activities have changed." Her advice to teenagers over the years has not differed. Whenever someone comes into the office for punishment, she has always told them to have a good attitude and remember to keep it with them forever. Then, she says, the principal may not be so hard on you and you will have a good friend for the rest of your life. "You know, the good attitude policy always worked."

Mrs. Wrike has been a vital part of Jamestown's educational system for many years and a good friend to kids.





## Fun Cheer

Clubs! They could be either really fun or really awful depending upon their members. In order for clubs to be successful, their members must be actively involved and concerned about the group and its activities. Thus, between 1960-1985, some clubs succeeded and some failed.

When Ragsdale began, the students had a choice of clubs which they could be a part of. The Monogram and the Pep Clubs promoted spirit in the school towards athletics. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes was a club that also promoted sports while teaching Christian principles as well.

The French and Latin Clubs were similar to the French and Spanish Clubs today. These clubs involved the students with the languages and further exposed them to the culture. The Beta Club also started in the 1960's, and it promoted scholarship, leadership, and service.

The few clubs mentioned were not by any means all the popular clubs of 1960. Yet, they, like today, were important and fun as well.



### IN FOCUS



Reflecting on his experiences in 1960, Mr. C. C. Willard said that there was as much

school unity then as ever. Mr. Willard was the school board chairman when Ragsdale began. His job was to hire and fire teachers in the seventh district school area which included Ragsdale, Union Hill, Florence, Jamestown, and Sedgfield Elementary.

When Ragsdale was first built, Mr. Willard said that the faculty, students, and parents never objected to the building. The major-

ity of people thought that the school was necessary.

As far as Mr. Willard was concerned, the faculty of 1960 was excellent. Each teacher was responsible for their students' discipline problems. He said that discipline was smoothly handled with few complaints.

When Ragsdale was first built, Mr. Willard had eleven children. He has seven girls and four boys. His children went to Jamestown High School which was where Jamestown Elementary is today. Jamestown High School was once a boarding school for students.

Mr. Willard had an instrumental part in building the gym at Jamestown High School. He liked sports, and he stressed the importance of a gym when others

were against it.

Mr. Willard enjoyed watching basketball in the gym. He never regretted having the gym built because when he saw others enjoying themselves there, he was happy also.

In 1960, "Buses were driven by students," said Mr. Willard. Students had an outstanding driving record. Since students did not drive to school, they rode the buses instead.

Mr. Willard had key responsibilities when Ragsdale first began. He strived to help the students, faculty, and community to the best of his ability.

As years passed, Mr. C. C. Willard continued to have interest in the activities at Ragsdale. He often viewed the student athletes with pleasure and delight.





Participating on the TV News Team, Scott Carty and Sherry Kirkman tell the announcements to the students in homeroom. (K. Baynes)



Selling school supplies for Juniores, Amy Bryant works in the school store. Presently, she is selling Delynn Corn a pencil. (K. Baynes)



Singing at the homecoming pep rally, Rhythm and Rhapsody performs in front of the student body. (S. Bean)

Taking an active part in Beta Club, Kathryn Johnston helps make decorations for the homecoming platform. (M. Hodgins)



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In 1959 at Ragsdale's first homecoming game, Miss Jewel Medley was crowned homecoming queen.

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



The 1960 Senior Class Officers: Ray Hutchins, Tommy Smith, Gail Webster, Charlie Roach, and Linda Butler.



Reigning over the Homecoming Court was "Her Majesty the Queen".



In their senior year, Nancy Lambert, Tommy Smith, and Terry Mishoe were awarded the "Neatest" award.



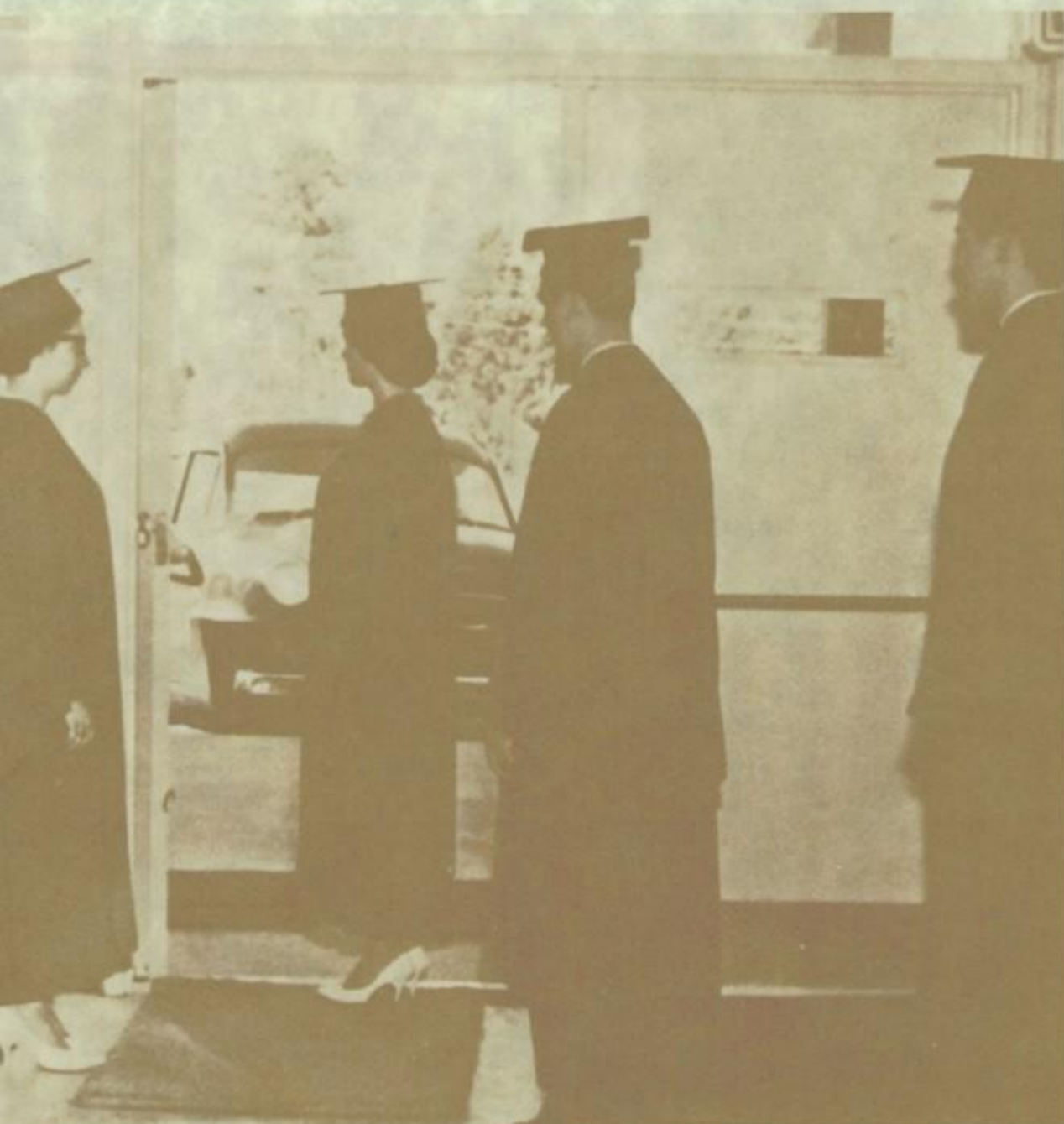
## Twenty Five

Every high school senior has had hopes and dreams about their future. However, no one has been able to say what they would be doing in five, ten, or twenty-five years for sure. In this respect, the Class of 1960 was no different from any other senior class.

Many who thought they would never leave Jamestown have and a few who thought they would never stay are still here. Even in today's transient society, at least sixty-six of the class remain in North Carolina and most of them in the Greensboro-High Point area. Although most have lost touch with one another, a few still get together and spend time with each other.

Where will the Class of 1985 be in twenty-five years? That remains to be seen. But, whether they are here in North Carolina or far away, Ragsdale will always hold a special place in their hearts.

Wearing their caps and gowns, these 1960 graduates march out the front door of the school.



### IN FOCUS



Twenty-five years ago as a high school senior, Don O'Briant knew he would stay in

Jamestown. Don played varsity basketball for Ragsdale his Junior and Seniors years. Also, he was a member of the first graduating class at Ragsdale, the Class of 1960. Now, he is a sales manager for Trexco. He lives in Old Forestdale with his wife and two children.

In recalling Ragsdale's first year, there was one thing he remembered most — pride. The

whole student body was proud of being the first large high school. Seniors were proud to be the first graduating class at such a great new school. Most students, he said, felt that it was an overall good situation and a much needed change. "The biggest deal to us was the new athletic program and the new science labs," he recalled. However, most students did not like the name change from Jamestown to Ragsdale. Several of the students missed the old school and the closeness found so easily there. But, they liked the advantages of being all on one level and some of the new liberties, like being able to smoke.

The major difference he sees in the school today is that there are

possibly more discipline problems, but fewer rules. For instance, he stated, that he was not allowed to grow a beard during his Senior year because the school officials felt that it was not proper and would not allow it. Also, he felt that Ragsdale had a good mix of students from all types of backgrounds, rural and city, and still does.

When asked which teacher left the biggest impression on him as a teenager, he quickly replied, "Mrs. Dorothy Miller." He felt that she was the best teacher he ever had and one of the best that there would ever be. Moreover, he said that she genuinely cared about each student she had, as well as being the most fair.





Ask anybody in Jamestown about Bow Stafford and they will tell you that he's a

very kind and generous man.

He is a man that involves himself with the community and its projects. When asked why he decided to live and work in Jamestown, he replied that it had a fine location and, "Everybody here is your neighbor." Indeed, Mr. Stafford is everyone's neighbor and friend.

Born in Guilford County, he spent his childhood in the county and graduated from Guilford

High School. Mr. Stafford attended the United States Merchant Marine Station located at Kings Point, Long Island.

After this, he spent three years on merchant ships before becoming a salesman in 1946. While working in the textile business, he covered the territory of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

On February 15, 1955, Bow Stafford opened his insurance office on Main Street (where Julie's Ice Cream is presently located), thus beginning thirty years that he has been a salesman in Jamestown. He gave up his office space in order for Wachovia Bank to move into Jamestown.

Later, Wachovia moved out and First Federal Bank took its place. Then Wachovia moved to

its original site. Meanwhile, Bow Stafford built his insurance office at its present spot. Both Wachovia and First Federal banks relocated to their current locales.

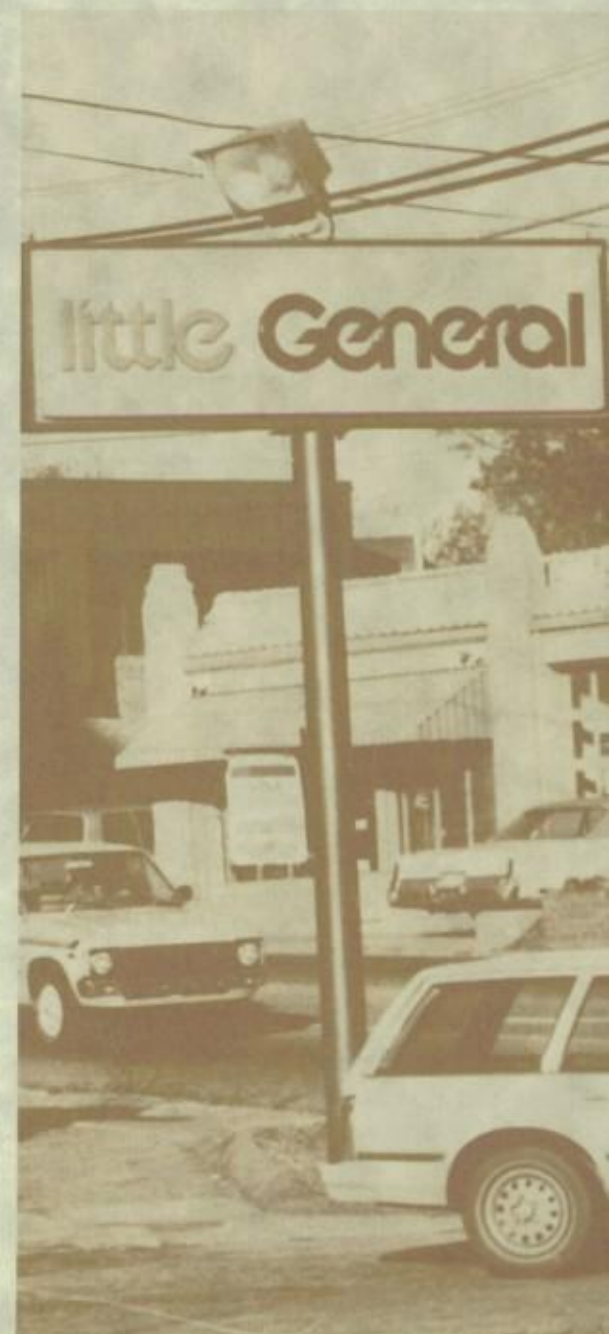
In July of 1978, Mr. Stafford began his real estate office, which is now affiliated with Century 21 real estate company. Through this field, he has been involved with the growth of many of the new neighborhoods in Jamestown.

A group called the Cedarwood Corporation was largely responsible for the development of Forestdale East and Forestdale North. Another new neighborhood since Ragsdale High School began is Colony Park which has grown over the years.



Riding through Jamestown, this is the appearance one might receive of the town in the 1980's. (K. Baynes)

Serving as a quick stopping place for residents to get needed items, Little General represents the thriving businesses of the town. (K. Baynes)







An overhead view of early 1970's Jamestown shows a faint resemblance of the Jamestown of the 1980's.

## A Quaker Settlement

Settled by Quakers in the mid-1700's, Jamestown was the first incorporated town in Guilford County.

Then, the Mendenhall family played an important role in the early development of Jamestown. A pamphlet written by the Historic Jamestown Society described the beginnings of the town:

"Its first member to live in the area was James Mendenhall, a Pennsylvania Quaker who moved about 1762."

"His son George continued milling. About 1800 he laid the town with named streets, recorded the plot, and called the village Jamestown, in honor of his father."

"The Mendenhall Store, now restored, was built by Richard Mendenhall in 1824. It and the early 19th century Friends Meetinghouse (also restored) are located in City Lake Park."

"The cultural center of Guilford

County prior to 1850, Jamestown had churches, the largest Masonic Lodge in the state, an Oddfellows Lodge, a newspaper, temperance union, and literary and debating society."

Two present National Register Historic Districts in the town are the Oakdale Cotton Mill and the Jamestown Historic District which contains a number of structures built in the nineteenth century.



# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT



Displaying his ability to take a hit while keeping a firm grip on the ball, Senior Ronald Johnson turns a flip after a risky catch. (R. Bivens)



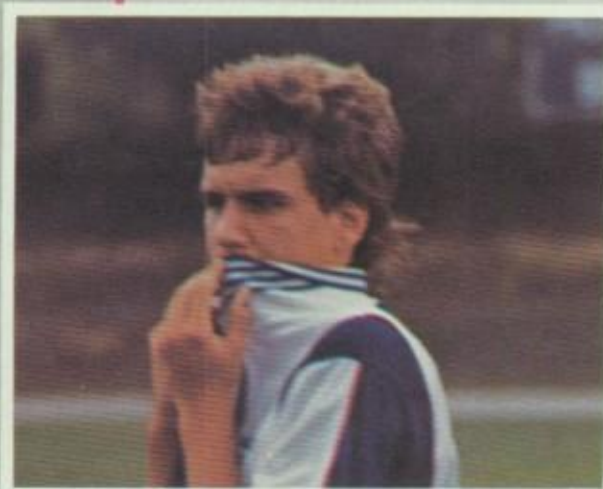
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# Sports

The opening of school brought about many new faces as well as familiar ones. With these faces came high hopes of achieving success in their activities. Sports was certainly no exception. As the leaves began to change for fall, so did the students begin to gear up for the fall sports season. And, although the beginning of football games were slow and disappointing, the Tigers battled back to earn a playoff berth. The basketball team looked prosperous due to the large amount of returning starters. Also, the junior varsity baseball team looked for their second straight conference championship. But the one thing common to all sports teams was high expectations. Every team, no matter what

the outlook, held their heads high with pride. As the seasons progressed, it was found that the hopes and dreams of those who played as well as of those who watched were obtainable with a little faith and encouragement. In short, the students expected the best performance possible from themselves and their peers in competition. They got it. Also expected was a desire to achieve coupled with the undying will to win. They got it. But through experience and insight, the students realized that these were qualities that came natural to them. They realized that they had what it took to win. When this was evident, they began to think proudly, "What did you expect?"



"I expected to do well in the conference as a first year soccer team."  
—Joey Rogers

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# Spirit of '84

## A Dedicated Squad

Despite cold, heat, wind and rain, the spirit of the cheerleaders never seemed to dim. These people, who shouted dutifully for the football and basketball teams, game in and game out, always had an encouraging word despite any adverse condition which may have presented itself. Enthusiasm was sparked by the cheerleaders in the form of stunts, skits, hope, and cheers.

Long practices, many hours of decorating the locker room with signs of encouragement, and displaying posters in the hall were all a

part of a cheerleader's life. Expressing her feelings, Theresa Tate said, "Despite all of the hard work, weather, and body aches that cheering brings about, at the end of the season, a look back brings a feeling of great pride and satisfaction." This idea was shared by most at the end of the season, which showed the great dedication involved in the life of a cheerleader, once again.

For the second year in a row, the cheerleaders attended a free clinic for the advancement of skills at Western Guilford. Here new stunts and cheers were created which provided for a better squad.

So, throughout the school year the cheerleaders displayed remarkable stamina as well as everlasting encouragement which was not susceptible to weather or to the score. In short, the cheerleaders stuck with the Tigers through it all.

Displaying her ability to cheer with enthusiasm, Michelle Apple gives a kick in the air while in the middle of a routine at a pep rally. (M. Hodgins)



Giving a display of her ability to motivate her fellow classmates at a pep rally, Gina Forlines readies the students for the game.



Discussing the next cheer, Jennifer Corn and Jamie Lanning take a moment to confer as to which routine to perform next. (M. Hodgins)





In hopes of leading her class into the spirit meg award for the week, Senior Cari Belk gives a shout of enthusiasm to encourage the effort. (M. Hodgin)



Showing that practice makes perfect, the varsity cheerleading squad runs through their spelling of "Tigers" to ensure quality. (M. Hodgin)



Before a crowd of students at a pre-game pep rally, the varsity cheerleaders perform a stunt in hopes of motivating the fans to attend the game. (M. Hodgin)



Center midfield Jimmy Winchester is all alone as he prepares to attempt a long range goal. (R. B. vens)



Front row: Deanna Winchester (stat.), Ben Morton, Scott Mann, Mike Gally, Ashley Snead, Gary Brewer, Don Money, Chip Campbell, David Durham, Chris Smith, Scott Jagow. Back row: Coach Danny Beamer, Mike Martine, Bobby Long, Stephen Bruton, Joe Parrish, Tommy Lancaster, Scott Wise, Jimmy Whitten, Jimmy Winchester, Brian McKee, Joey Rogers, Rick Money, Chad Rogers, Lori Bryant (stat.), Mark Thacker (mgr.). (M. Hodgin)



Junior Rick Money skillfully protects the ball from a Western Guilford defender. (M. Hodgkin)



1984 Soccer Team  
Won—11, Lost—3

Trinity	9-0
Mt. Tabor	2-3
Glenn	6-0
Carver	9-0
Western Guilford	3-0
Southwest Guilford	5-1
Burlington Williams	2-3
Trinity	5-1
Mt. Tabor	2-5
Glenn	3-2
Carver	12-0
Western Guilford	4-3
Southwest Guilford	3-1
Burlington Williams	1-0

Ashley Snead displays skill and agility as he and his defender both attempt to "head" the ball. (K. Baynes)



"They work hard playing the game . . ."

# Soccer

## a New Kick

By popular demand, a new varsity sport was added to the Ragsdale athletic program this season; that sport was soccer. Interested students began registering in the spring to insure their chances of playing in the fall. The coach was Danny Beamer, a junior at UNC-G, and the team was made up mainly of underclassmen, with only two seniors on the team. Coach Beamer seemed very proud of his team when he said, "They work hard playing the game and they worked hard to learn it."

Most of the students were not sure what to expect from the newly-formed soccer team; many expected

the worst. They were, however, pleasantly surprised. The team, which ended the season with an 11-3 record, had many impressive wins, including shutouts of Trinity High School, 12-0. Ragsdale finished second in the conference.

Team records were evenly dispersed. Mike Gaily, the starting center forward and also a member of the All-Conference team, scored three goals in the first game against Carver. Jimmy Winchester, also a member of the All-Conference team, tied with Joey Rogers in assists for the year with eleven apiece, and goalkeeper Don Money had 112 saves.



Pitcher Kristi Kinney shows good form as she tosses the ball to the opposing batter. (R. Bivens)



Freshman Courtenay Shaw is diverted by a young fan's comments on the previous play. (M. Hodgin)



Sophomore Becky Johnson attempts to boost the team record as she executes a very hard swing at the ball. (R. Bivens)





# Softball

## a Matter of Pride

A slow, painful groan could be heard throughout the bench of the girls' softball team. A careless error, a bad swing, or something else that wasn't supposed to happen, did. The girls, however, bravely picked themselves up to prepare for the next game.

The 1984 Tiger softball team was never far from winning. And, although they had a disappointing season of 3-17, the team still had much to be proud of.

Under the guidance of first year coach Wanda Andrews, many of the players gave outstanding performances throughout the season. Sophomore Amy Williford, scored three runs in the win over Morehead, and Freshman Courtenay Shaw knocked in two homeruns against Northwest. Senior Phebe White received the Most Valuable Player award, and Junior Tammy Jackson received the Most Improved player Award.

Kristi Kinney, the starting pitcher, summed up the season when she said, "We're hoping that this year's experiences will have created a good foundation for future years."

### 1984 Varsity Softball Won—3, Lost—7

Ledford	0-5
Ledford	1-9
Rockingham	0-6
Eastern	1-6
Northeast	4-14
Southeast	0-11
Reidsville	4-13
Western Guilford	1-23
Rockingham	0-9
Reidsville	2-11
Morehead	12-5
Morehead	5-4
Southern Guilford	3-8
Southern Guilford	9-2
Eastern Guilford	0-8
Northwest Guilford	0-4
Southeast Guilford	3-6
Northwest Guilford	9-7
Northwest Guilford	1-4
Western Guilford	5-10

Sophomore Amy Williford safely slides into homeplate, successfully eluding the pitcher. (R. Bivens)



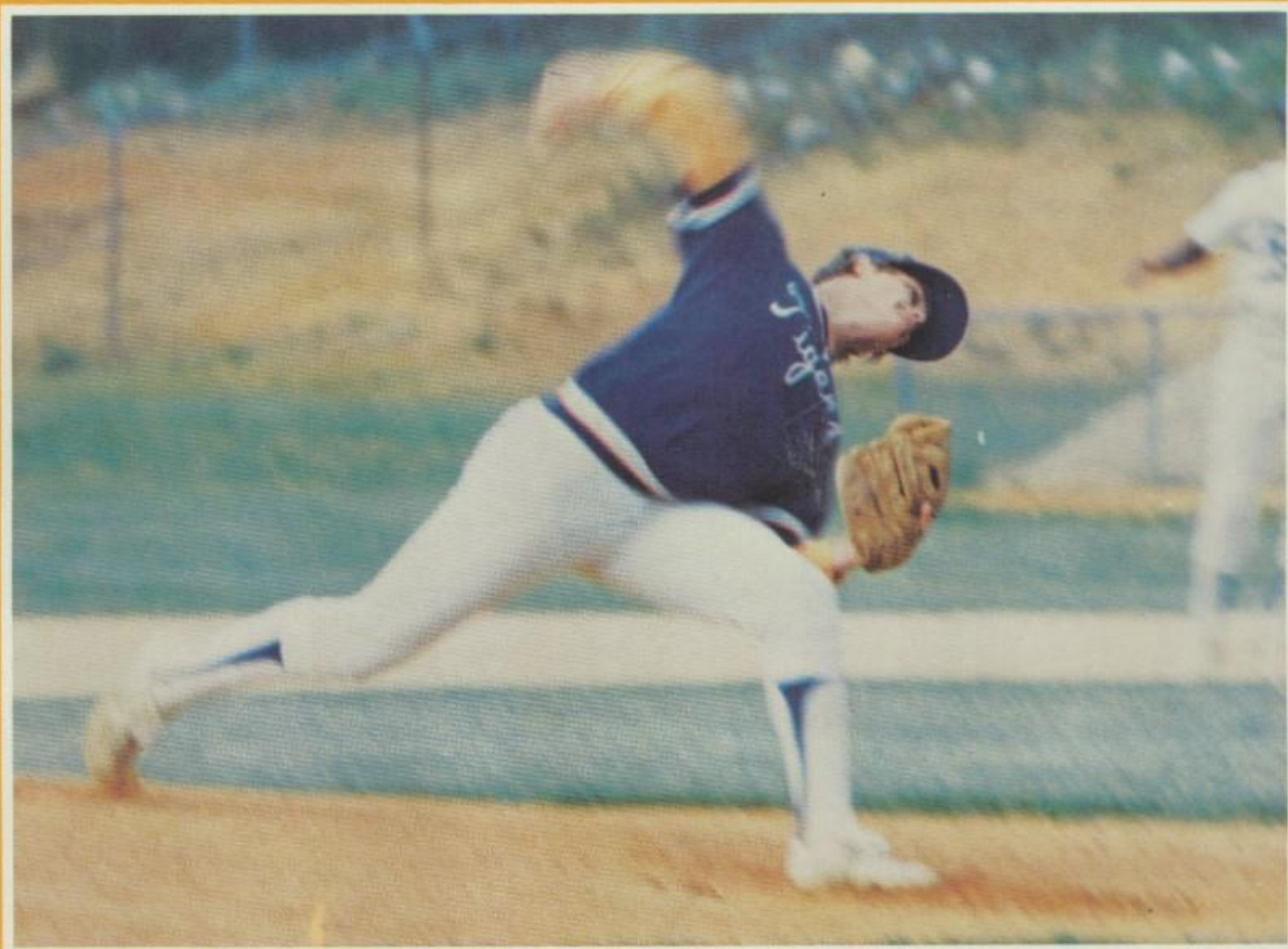
Front row: Coach Wanda Andrews, Terrie McGinn (stat.), Kim Smith, Phebe White, Donna Lilly (mgr.). Back row: Kristi Kinney, Robin Adams, Kim Byrd, Becky Johnson, Courtenay Shaw, Nancy Petty, Amy Williford, Diane Bridges, Jennifer Stucky, Millicent Rudd.





# DOUBLE STANDARD

Ready to release his fast ball to the opposing batter, Robert Ihrig shows his fierce determination to propel the ball across the plate. (R. Bivens)

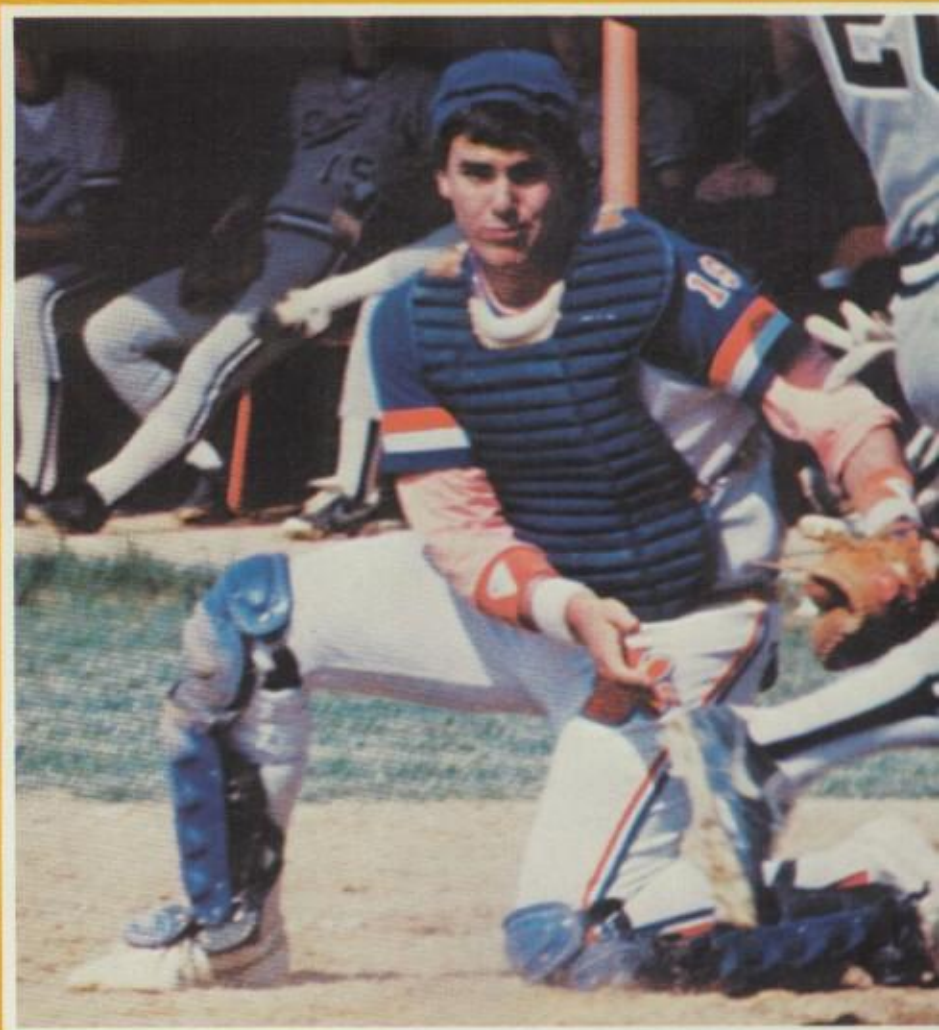


Making sure he is in the clear, Chris Tallant easily strides towards adding a homerun to his team's score to lead them to a victory against Northeast. (R. Bivens)

## Separate Outcomes

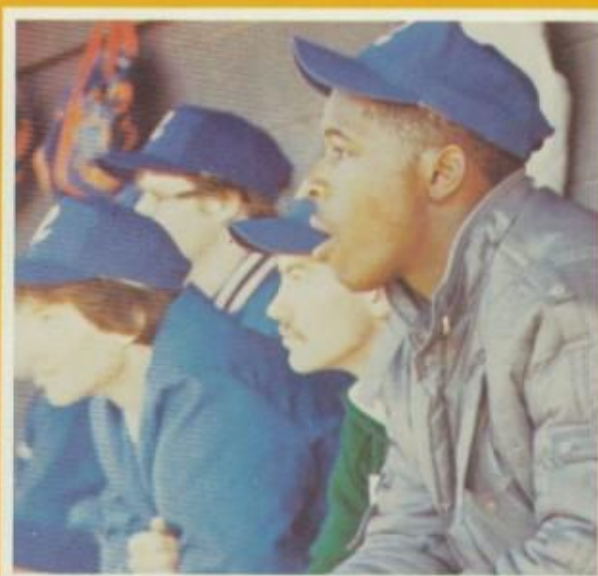
Coach Cline, who led the junior varsity baseball team to its first conference championship since he took over as coach, described his team as, "the most consistent team that I have ever coached. They showed their desire to win as well as the desire to practice and perform at the best of their ability." The team, with a record of 17-3, was led both in pitching and hitting. Robert was the winning pitcher of 12 games.

With only three returning starters from the previous season, Coach Cline began to rebuild his team early. A strong weight program as well as a stiff conditioning routine allowed for an ideal setting for winning. And, after a slow beginning, the Tigers rolled off 5 and 10 game



Eager to tag the base runner out, Varsity catcher Billy Shaw anticipates the throw from the outfield to prevent the runner from scoring. (R. Bivens)



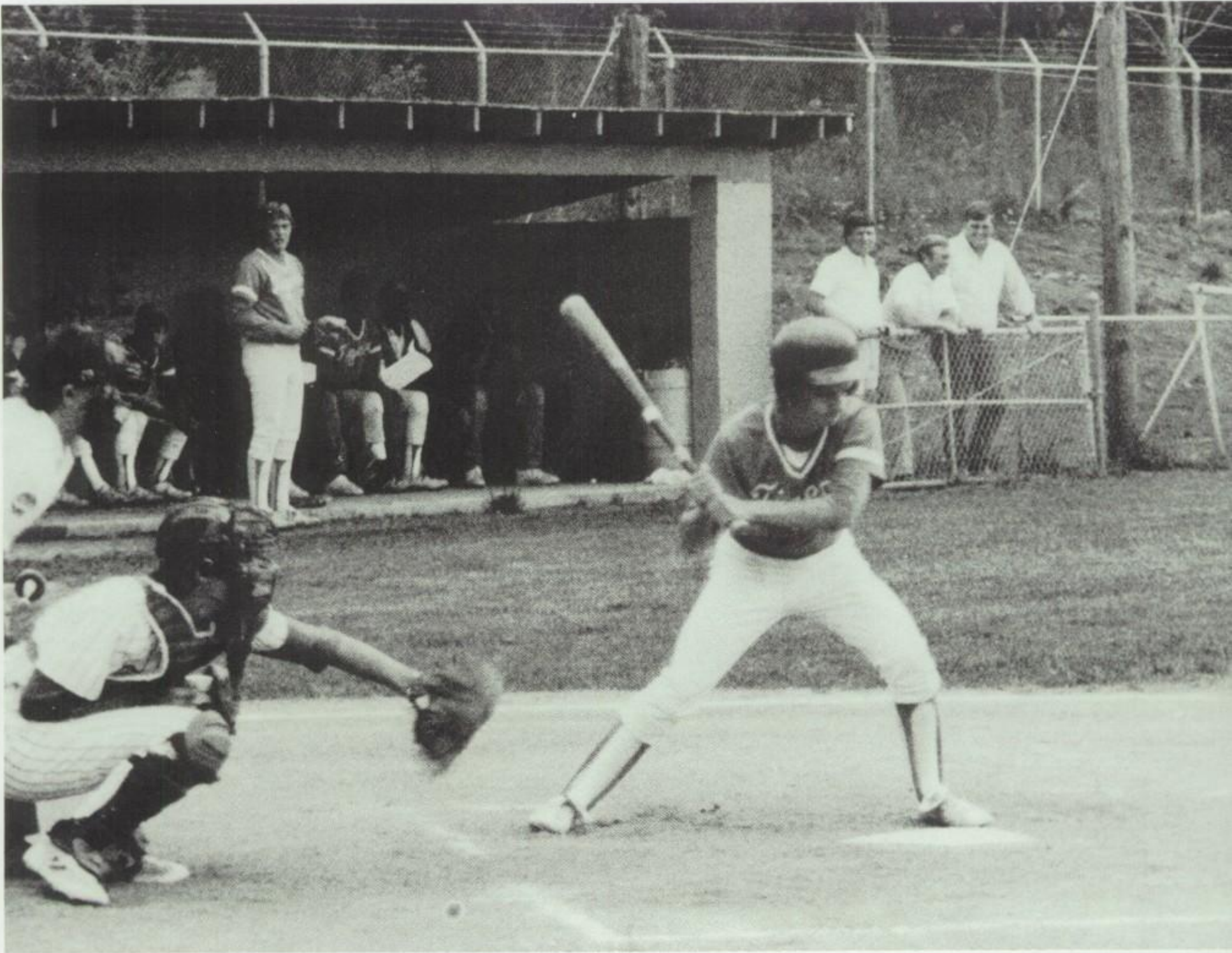


Anxious for their team to win, Terry Scales, Rusty Saxon, and Matt Tippet experience the emotional impact of the game while sitting in the dugout. (R. Bivens)

Realizing that a good form is necessary in order to project the ball into the outfield, Varsity player Chris Dovel practices his ever powerful swing. (R. Bivens)



Taking a look at the pitched ball, Todd Miserheimer displays his good eye for a low pitch. Todd later got to base for his efforts. (M. Hodgins)



After catching the ball to strike out the batter, Giles Smith throws the ball back to the pitcher to prepare for the next batter. (M. Hodgins)



Trying to catch the runner off guard, Will Walker readies his glove for the throw from the pitcher. His effort was successful. (R. Bivens)



# Outcomes

up momentum with every win. Towards the middle of the season we saw the conference championship was in sight and we never looked back."

Losing to only two teams in the conference, the young Tigers seemed to possess a certain knack for winning. Said Chris Talent, "... at times, the games seemed too close, and the win impossible. But we stuck together, and through team effort, made the wins."

Although the varsity did not fare as well as the junior varsity, Coach Dave Mizell had some good remarks

about the team despite their 8-12 record. "Although our biggest problem was inconsistency, the varsity team performed well under pressure and played way above what the scores indicated."

Early in the season, Senior Timmy Hamilton suffered a broken collar bone, which disabled him for eight weeks. Due to the loss, seniors Scott Stafford and Chip Raybon stepped in to provide leadership and

Chris Dovel, a unanimous all conference selection and team MVP, led the Tigers in the pitching category with six of the eight wins. Billy Shaw and Chip Raybon led the team in the

hitting position. Chip commented, "Although we had a problem getting things together, I feel that our team was a very close knit one."

On the whole, most all of the players expressed a desire to play to win, but also a desire to adhere to the rules of sportsmanship. Roy Bivens said, "Our team played to win, but we also took into account sportsmanship. That is one asset that I think gets overlooked a great deal by other teams. It is definitely a part of the game."

Coach Cline and Coach Mizell expressed great enthusiasm in working with the team members and enjoy the success they experienced.

**1984 Varsity Baseball Team** — front row: M. Tippet, C. Raybon, W. Walker, R. Saxon, R. Wall, D. McInnis, R. Bivens, B. Shaw; back row: Coach Cline, T. Scales, M. Hunt, R. Pearson, M. Kidd, S. Stafford, T. Hamilton, C. Dovel, Coach Mizell.



**1984 Varsity Baseball**  
Won 8      Lost 12

Ledford	2-5
Ledford	3-2
Rockingham	12-7
Morehead	7-1
Morehead	3-2
Southeast Guilford	0-5
Northwest Guilford	0-15
Western Guilford	1-9
Rockingham	6-10
Reidsville	8-1
Southern Guilford	3-13
Southern Guilford	3-6
Eastern Guilford	4-2
Reidsville	5-17
Eastern Guilford	10-7
Southeast Guilford	2-3
Northeast Guilford	4-3
Northeast Guilford	1-11
Northwest Guilford	3-4
Western Guilford	1-3

**1984 J. V. Baseball**  
Won 17      Lost 3

Ledford	17-0
Ledford	8-5
Rockingham	1-6
Morehead	15-0
Eastern Guilford	8-2
Morehead	9-5
Southeast Guilford	3-2
Northwest Guilford	4-1
Western	6-7
Rockingham	7-8
Reidsville	9-4
Southern Guilford	8-2
Southern Guilford	4-3
Reidsville	7-6
Eastern Guilford	7-5
Southeast Guilford	2-0
Northeast Guilford	14-4
Northwest Guilford	1-0
Northeast Guilford	6-4
Western	8-7



**1984 J.V. Baseball Team** — front row: S. Barker, D. McMahan, B. Proctor, C. Talent, C. Van-Hook, J. Smith, G. Smith, T. Walker; back row: S. Wall, S. Costantini, R. Ihrig, P. J. West, S. Daniels, K. McInnis, T. Misenheimer, C. Dunlap, D. Cline.



Battling his opponent in hopes of making a successful block, Robert Gibson exerts all of his strength in the effort. (R. Bivens)

Attempting to jar the ball loose from an opponents arms, Robby Corey applies determination and hard hitting in order to achieve his goal. (R. Bivens)



## A Will to Endure Never Say Die

Cold hands, numb feet, and minor injuries were all a part of the football season for the Flying Tigers. Despite the cold, the rain, or any weather condition, the football teams of Ragsdale met and dealt with anything that hindered their progress towards a good season. That, in itself, was exactly what happened.

On the first Friday night that school had to offer to students as the new year began, the fans from two archrival schools began to assemble for an assuredly fantastic

contest. By 8:00, both sides of Kenneth Miller Stadium were at capacity sizes. With the kick-off, the rivalry intensified. And although this night was to hold a disappointing outcome for the Tigers, no-one gave up before the final buzzer. Even after the buzzer, Tiger fans knew better things were to come.

After a somewhat weak beginning, the record of 1-4 made

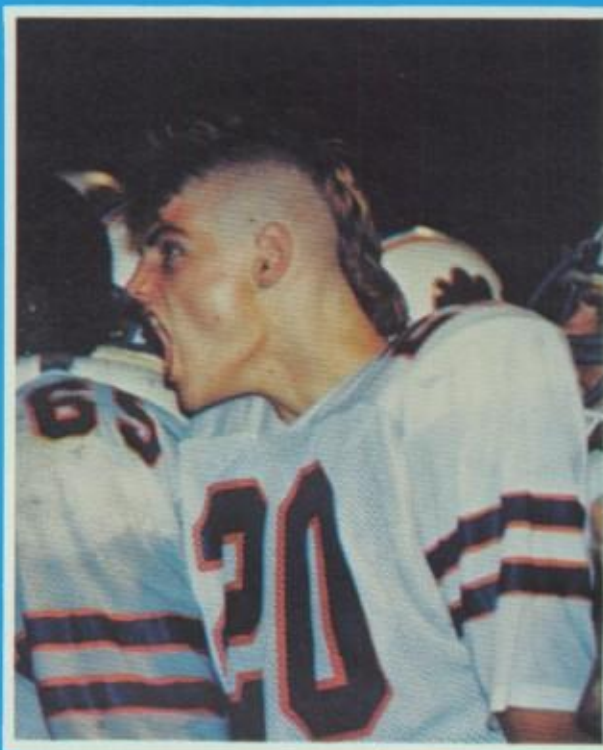
In an attempt to elude the cornerback and make a difficult catch, Chris Johnson is not quite able to maintain a grip on the pass. (R. Bivens)







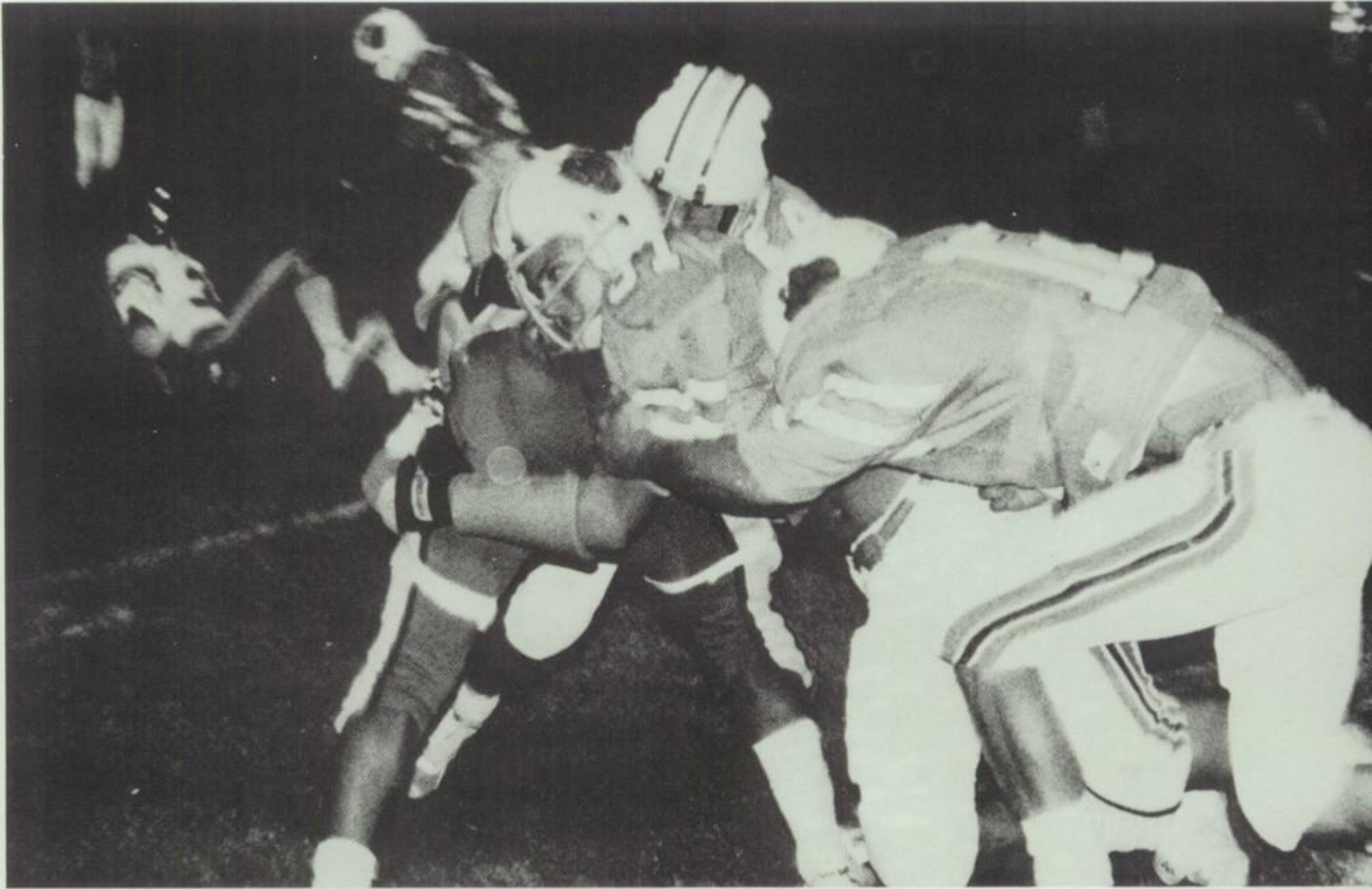
Shouting encouragement from the sidelines, Brian Taylor offers moral support to his teammates at an away game at Morehead. The Tigers emerged victorious. (R. Bivens)



Looking for an open space to run through, Jason Long dashes toward the outside of the field hoping to gain yardage for the first down. (R. Bivens)



Combining their efforts to assure a downed opponent, Robbie Cates and Richie Pearson hit the ball carrier with definite determination. (R. Bivens)



Discussing a play with the referee which he disagreed upon, Coach Cline attempts to persuade the official of his point. (R. Bivens)



Running around end in hopes of gaining enough yardage for the first down, John Pratt eludes a defender and runs for daylight. (R. Bivens)



# A WILL TO ENDURE

doubters out of everyone but the fans and players. With losses to Southwest Guilford, Western Guilford, Southern Guilford, and Northeast Guilford, the future appeared bleak. Said Coach Dickie Cline, "When the team was down at the beginning of the season with our slow start, the players stuck together and blamed no one for our losses. They worked hard and persevered through the bad luck. To me, this is a sign of great character. In fact, this team showed the most character of any previous one I've coached."

Attempting to secure an extra point after a touchdown, Senior Greg Berry holds the ball steady for Billy Shaw as he concentrates on the kick. (R. Bivens)

With enthusiasm, determination, and good, old fashion hard-hitting, the Tigers set out to win the remaining games of the regular season. With the defeat of Rockingham County 45-7, the team displayed winning form. Following defeats of Morehead, Eastern Guilford, and Southeast Guilford gave the Tigers a 6-4 record which was good enough to earn them a play-off berth in Division II.

The first game in the play-offs saw many Ragsdale fans traveling to Hillsborough Orange. A first-quarter field goal by Billy Shaw and two second-quarter touchdowns by Kellie Mackie gave the Tigers a 17-0 lead at the half. However, the Panthers of Orange scored a touchdown

in the third quarter for a score of 17-6. Later in the game, a fourth quarter touchdown by Orange and a two-point conversion ran the score up to 17-14. But thanks to a last second defensive effort by Robert Gibson and Greg Berry, the victory and semi-final spot was secured.

The semi-final contest proved to be yet another stepping stone to the finals as Ragsdale defeated South Johnston 14-3. All scoring was done in the first and second quarters. Coach Dickie Cline remarked, "We played great offensively in the first half, and in the second half our defense was outstanding."



## 1984 Varsity Football Won-9, Lost-4

Southwest Guilford	29-32
Western Guilford	7-14
Northwest Guilford	17-7
Southern Guilford	7-20
Northeast Guilford	12-14
Reidsville	20-0
Rockingham County	45-7
Morehead	7-0
Eastern Guilford	38-8
Southeast Guilford	27-14

## State Playoffs

Hillsborough Orange	17-14
South Johnston	14-3
Greene Central	27-21

## 1984 Junior Varsity Football Won-8, Lost-2

Southwest Guilford	12-26
Western Guilford	16-14
Northwest Guilford	26-0
Southern Guilford	26-12
Northeast Guilford	14-28
Reidsville	14-0
Rockingham County	14-6
Morehead	20-19
Eastern Guilford	26-0
Southeast Guilford	13-12

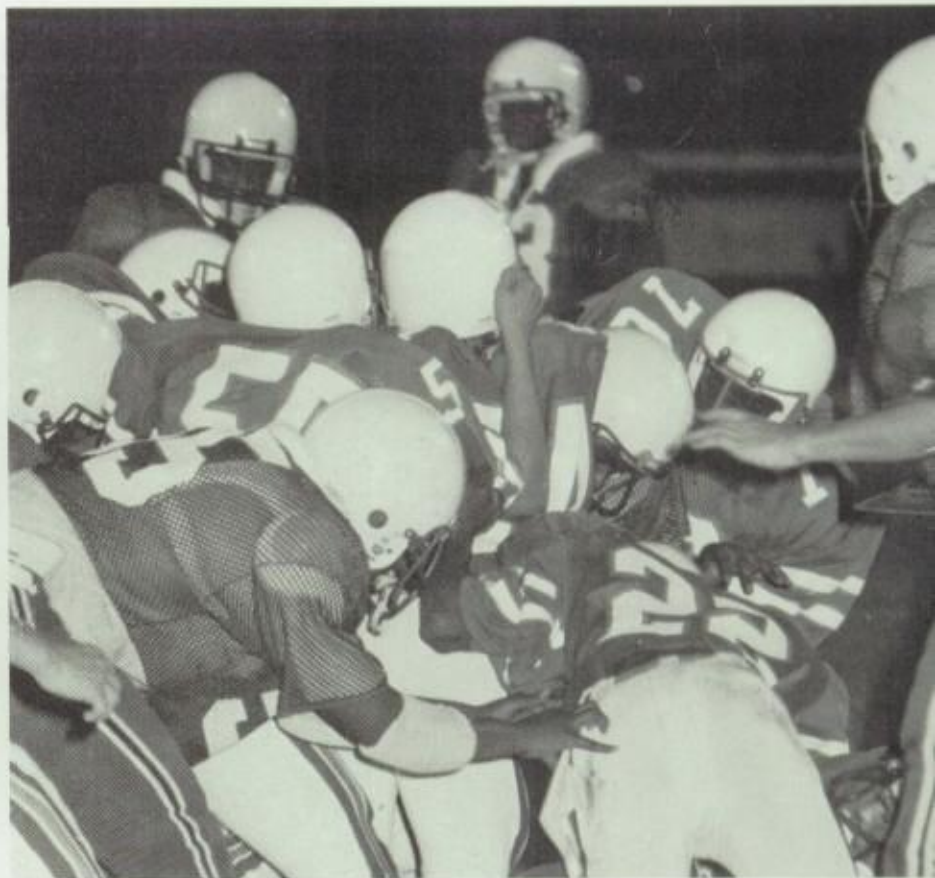


Running around end and leaving a defender short of his running path, Wayne Gibson cuts to the inside as David Martin prepares to block the oncoming defender. (R. Bivens)



Hoping to prevent the first down, the junior varsity defense combines their efforts in order to stop the opposition during a home game. (M. Hodgins)

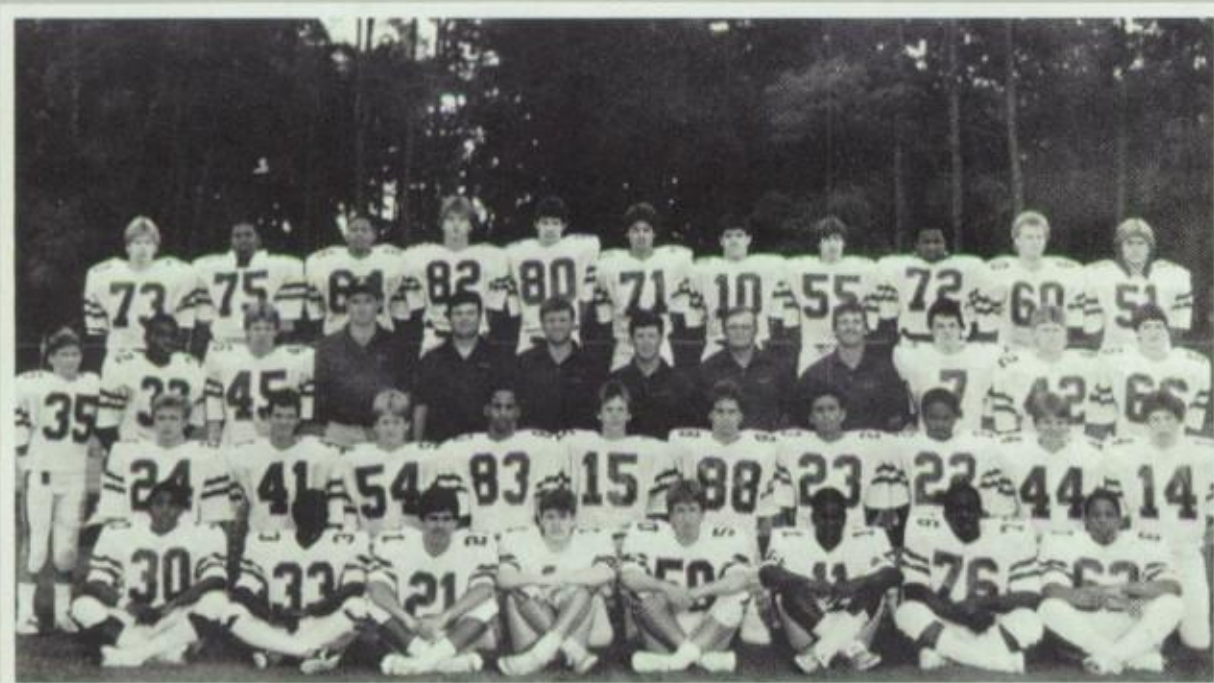
After a long reception, wide receiver Ronald Johnson evades defenders as he gains more yardage in hopes of reaching the goal line. (R. Bivens)







**1984-1985 Varsity Football Team — Front Row:** Martin Purser, Jimmy VanDerWoude, Buzz Knox, Jim Olsen, Kevin Johnson, Steve Prentzas, David Martin, Jerry Wadsley, Sterling Stiles, Dan Fowler. **Second Row:** Mark Williams, Mike Hunt, Marvin Lloyd, Eddie Turner, Brad Severson, Brian Tuttle, Keith McInnis, Nick Hopman, Ronald Johnson, Steve Fuller, Kevin Williams. **Third Row:** Will Walker, Steve Gollehon, Wayne Gibson, Coaches Dave Mizell, Joey Taro, Robert Harris, Dick Cline, Jerry Haney, and Tommy Norwood, Keith Misenheimer, Billy Shaw, Robby Corey. **Fourth Row:** Tommy Mata, Richie Pearson, Scott Costantini, Robbie Cates, John Pratt, Brian Taylor, Robert Gibson, Jeff Roth, Phillip Aydelette, Mike Lookabill, Larry Boyd, Brian Clodfelter.



**1984-1985 Junior Varsity Football Team — Front Row:** Edward Thomas, Joe Dunlap, Blane Mitchell, Kirk Raybon, Todd Coggins, Calvin Dunlap, David Willis, Vincent Rudd. **Second Row:** Jason Long, David Lookabill, Tommy Rhoten, Tim Johnson, Rob Duff, Chip Smith, James Jacobs, Jeff Godbolt, Walter Bilbro, Jay Smith. **Third Row:** Jeff Lucas, Brian Dunovant, Greg Riverbank, Coaches Dave Mizell, Joey Taro, Tommy Norwood, Dick Cline, Jerry Haney, Robert Harris, Billy Flynn, Scott Rhodes, Ken Mizell. **Back Row:** Chuck Harward, Andrea Walker, Chris Lilly, Steve Turner, Chris Johnson, Mike Ingram, Brent Jackson, Matt Larrick, Lewis Walker, Charles Brown, David Wilson.

## A WILL TO ENDURE

The final game of the season for the Tigers held special significance. With 7 straight wins behind them, the championship was the final test for the Tigers. With a 27-8 lead late in the third quarter, the game looked to be a blowout for Ragsdale. But the Rams of Central would not give up easily. With two quick touchdowns late in the fourth quarter, a new ball game at 27-21 was at hand. With 55 seconds remaining, Ragsdale fumbled and left the ball on the 45-yard line. But on a last effort by the Ram quarterback in the form of a lofted pass proved fatal as Greg Berry again knocked down

the ball. The final chapter was complete. The Tigers had passed the final test as champions.

All-Conference selections included fullback Kellie Mackie, who rushed for 1152 yards and scored 84 points, receiver Ronald Johnson, who caught 32 passes for 802 yards and scored 30 points, Billy Shaw, who kicked 22 for 28 extra points and scored 34 points, defensive back Wayne Gibson who returned 8 kickoffs for 160 yards, and Steve Anderson, who as a defensive end, made opponents feel the pain of football. Also, wide receiver Mike Hunt, who scored 26 points and caught 26 passes for 521 yards, and Marvin Lloyd, who led the team in

interceptions with 5, received honorable mention.

The Junior Varsity had a very good season, also, as they experienced only one loss in the conference to Northeast. This loss allowed that Northeast share the conference championship with the Tigers. The leading rusher for the JV's was Jason Long while Lewis Walker received MVP honors for his outstanding defensive efforts. Jason Long expressed his feelings toward the season when he said, "I thought we did a great job as a team by placing first in the conference though we tied. With a great record like 8-2, I was just glad to help out."

As the end of the third quarter arrives and the fourth begins, the Junior Varsity team walks to the opposite end of the field. The game ended in a 26-0 shutout for the Tigers. (M. Hodgin)



Leaping high in an attempted block, Dawn Chenausky gives her best effort in a match against Northeast Guilford. (S. Bean)

1984 Varsity Volleyball	
Won 8, Lost 10	
	Score
Southern Guilford	0-2
Northwest Guilford	0-2
Reidsville	0-2
Southeast Guilford	2-0
Northeast Guilford	2-0
Eastern Guilford	2-0
Rockingham	0-2
Morehead	2-0
Western Guilford	0-2

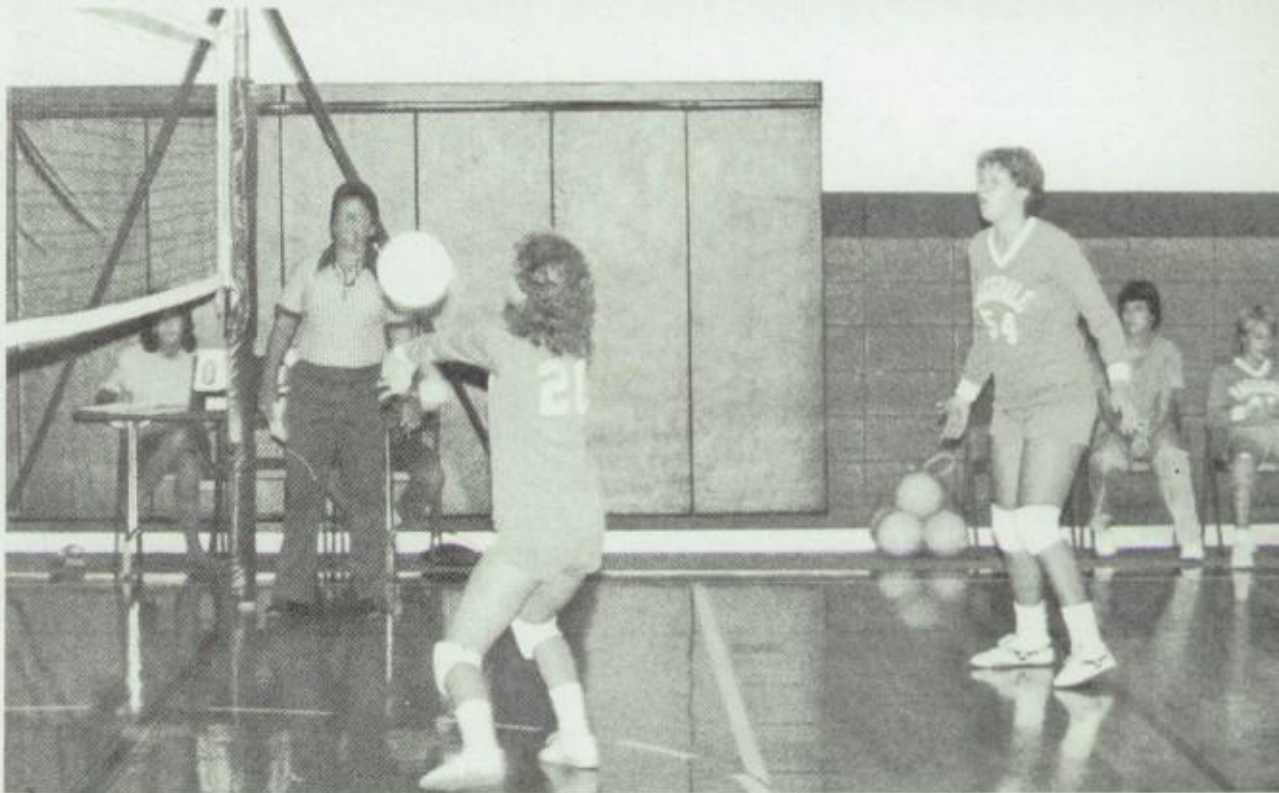
1984 J.V. Volleyball	
Won 8, Lost 1	
	Score
Southern Guilford	0-1
Northwest Guilford	1-0
Reidsville	1-0
Southeast Guilford	1-0
Northeast Guilford	1-0
Eastern Guilford	1-0
Rockingham	1-0
Morehead	1-0
Western Guilford	1-0



## Vigorous

Though obstacles barred the way, the Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball Teams put their shoulders to the grindstone and came out with a good season. Having few returning starters on the varsity team, Mrs. Kautz was faced with putting unseasoned beginners on the starting line-up, yet the girls pulled off an 8-10 season. The J.V. Team, however, had a very good season with a record of 8-1. All in all our girls proved to be inexperienced but tough.

As Tracey Cruthis digs from the opponents return, Mary Dixon stands ready to assist in the game if needed. (S. Bean)



**The 1984 Varsity Volleyball Team** — Front Row: Pam Miller, Amy Williford, Chero Wallington, Laurie Bender, Melody Coggins. Back Row: Leisl Goynes, Sharon Davis, Millicent Rude, Tammy Jackson, Dawn Chenausky. (M. Hodgins)



**The 1984 J.V. Volleyball Team** — Front Row: Kellie York, Tracy Morton, Elizabeth Hole, Tracy Cruthis, Kristi Wagoner. Middle Row: Sandi Yaskiewicz, Janie Hunt, Shelley Yergler, Tonya Bennett. Back Row: Pam Miller, Misty Gunter, Terri Kirkpatrick, Mary Dixon. (M. Hodgins)





**1985 Wrestlerettes—Front Row:** Julie Powell, Bobbie Stockard, Staci Smith, Jill Ragen, Nancy Nichols, Sara Matthews, Wendy Moore. **Back Row:** Leslie Harrison, Tracy Morton, Tricia Rogers, Milisent Rudd, Patricia Rogers, Mellissa Harrelson, Amy Highfill, Dawn Ridge. (S. Bean).

**Getting ready for the daytime match,** Sara Matthews, Julie Powell, Nichole McCormick tape the mats together. This is a necessary task to be done before every match. (M. Hodgin)



## Dedicated

**L**earning the rules, lifting and cleaning mats, planning for tournaments and working in the concession stand are a few of the duties of the 1984 Wrestlerettes. The job of making sure that the tournaments ran smoothly was the job of the sixteen helpful girls. Becoming a wrestlerette was not like becoming a member of any other club, a test had to be passed. Your stamina and desire had to be high. These girls' work was the true meaning of DEDICATION!

**Preparing the floor for the match against Northeast,** Tracey Morton and Stacey Smith roll out the wrestling mats. (M. Hodgin)



In deep concentration, Freshman Tammy Epting slices her forehand for good placement in a conference match against the Morehead Panthers. (M. Hodgins)

Strong net play is most definitely an advantage when it comes to doubles. Here, Courtenay Shaw slams an overhead against her Northeast Guilford opponent. (M. Hodgins)



## Playing Above Themselves ... and their correct positions

"Dedication, hard work, and a great attitude," was Coach Vernon Smith's answer as to why the 1984 Girls' Tennis Team was outstanding. Although they lost four starters, the lady racketeers managed a 5-4 conference record and finished 5-8 overall.

Leading the way was Senior Kerry Flynn, the number one singles player, who posted six wins against six losses in regular season play. She advanced to the quarter final round in the post-season sectional tournament. Kerry was named all-conference for the third year in a row.

The top doubles team combined

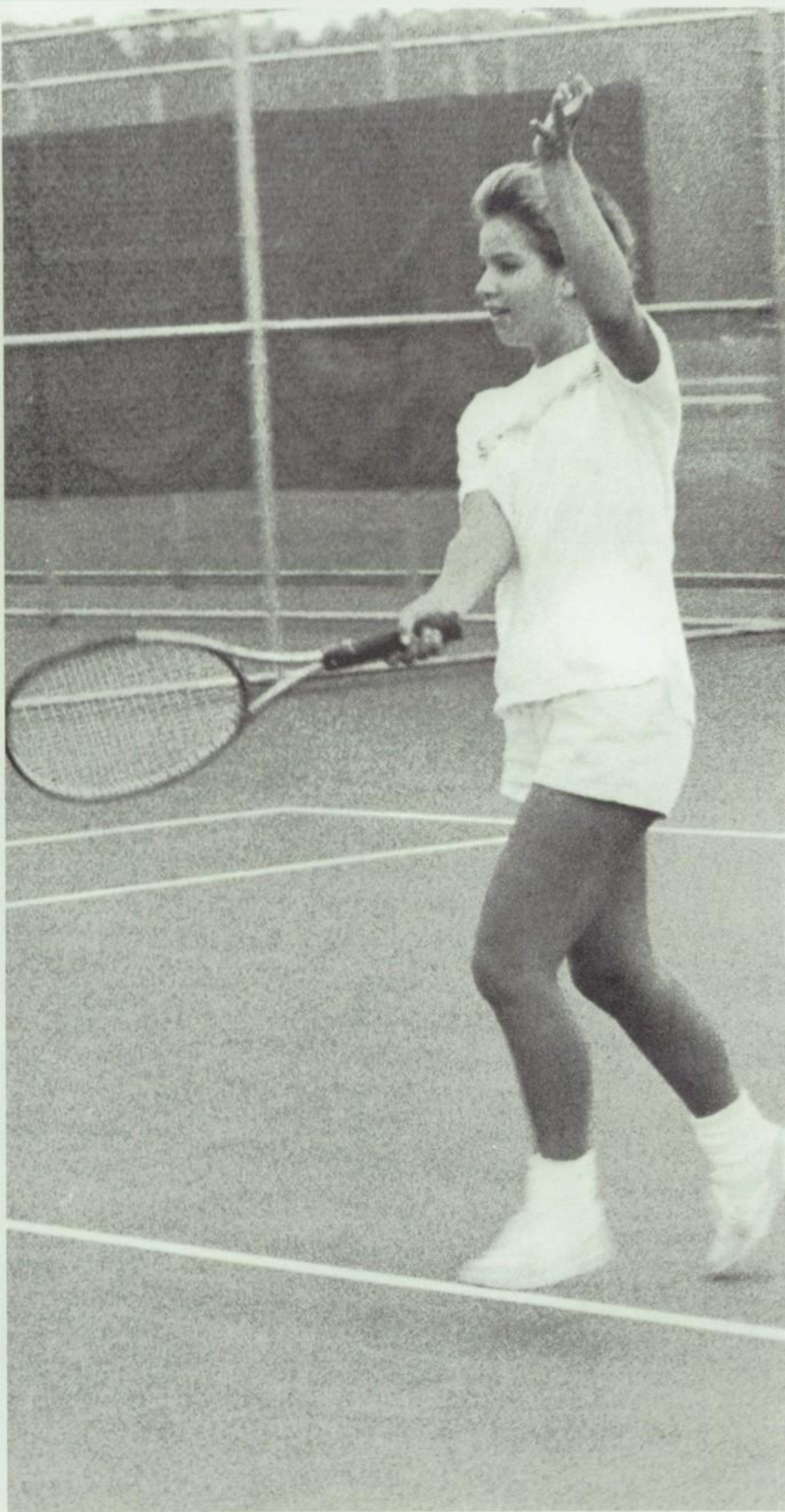
the talents of Junior Misty McCall and Sophomore Countenay Shaw. Their powerful serves and awesome net play carried them to the final eight teams in the sectional tournament. Misty was also recognized as an all-conference performer.

Other singles starters were Sophomore sensation Melissa Dewey and Freshman phenomens Tammy Epting, Monica McCall, and Felicia Burzell. Sophomore Sandy Harrington, Freshman Nancy Oliphant, and Senior Suzette Moon all contributed to the team in the doubles variety.

After carefully placing a backhand down the line, Freshman Monica McCall watches to see if her opponent from Western Guilford can make a return. (M. Hodgins)







**Showing the energy** that characterizes her style of play, Sophomore Melissa Dewey closes in on an Eastern Guilford opponent and the net for a putaway. (M. Hodgin)

**Eyeing the ball with anticipation**, Junior Misty McCall prepares to slap a backhand cross-court out of her Reidsville opponent's reach. (M. Hodgin)



**A strong backhand volley** is only one of many tools Senior Kerry Flynn uses to confuse and frustrate her opponent from Northwest Guilford. (M. Hodgin)



# Easy Aces

## No Double Faults

One sunny afternoon last spring, one may have heard the smash of a tennis ball or an outbreak of laughter if he came upon Coach Roger Chance and his band of racketeers.

They could be found at Oka T. Hester Park matching forehands, volleys, and wits with rival competitors from Western, Southeast, or any other conference foe. The team finished with a conference record of 6-3 and in a tie for third place.

When asked what made the team outstanding Coach Chance replied, "Their total dedication to the team. Hours and hours of practice to develop physical skills . . . their ability to maintain the proper mental attitude."

The team has improved the last few seasons thanks to 1984's Co-MVP's Senior Ray Fields and Junior Derek Holland and three sophomores: Charlie Wray, Edwin Flynn, and Richard Miller; they played the top three positions. Ray Fields, the team captain, added much needed moral support, and Pete Cienek anchored the team as the sixth man. Others who contributed to the team included Junior John Bender and Sophomore Brad Frazier.

Pete Cienek's winning of the annual racket toss was possibly the highlight of the 1984 season according to Coach Chance and the players.

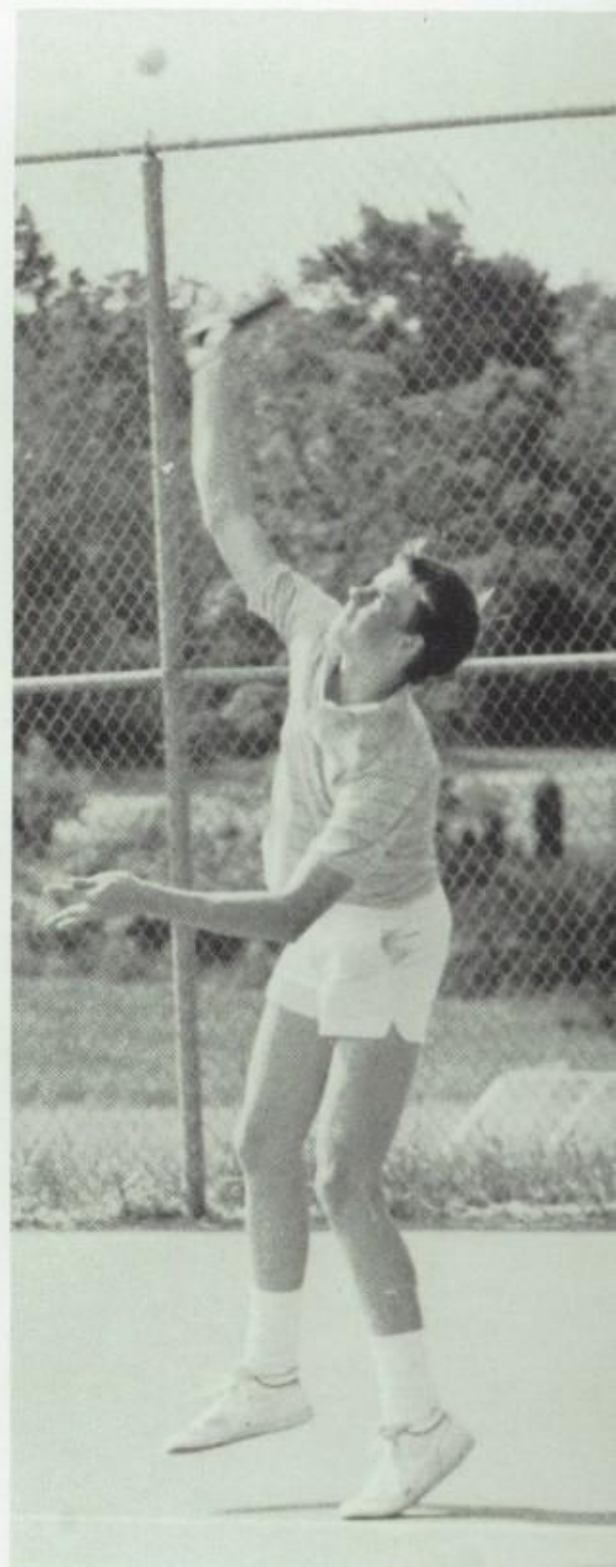


Slicing his backhand down the line in order to get to the net, Junior Derek Holland puts a rival from Western Guilford at a disadvantage. (M. Hodgin)

### 1984 Boys' Tennis W-6; L-3

Western Guilford	7-2
Southern Guilford	9-0
Northwest Guilford	3-6
Northeast Guilford	9-0
Reidsville	9-0
Rockingham County	8-1
Morehead	2-7
Eastern Guilford	9-0
Southeast Guilford	2-7

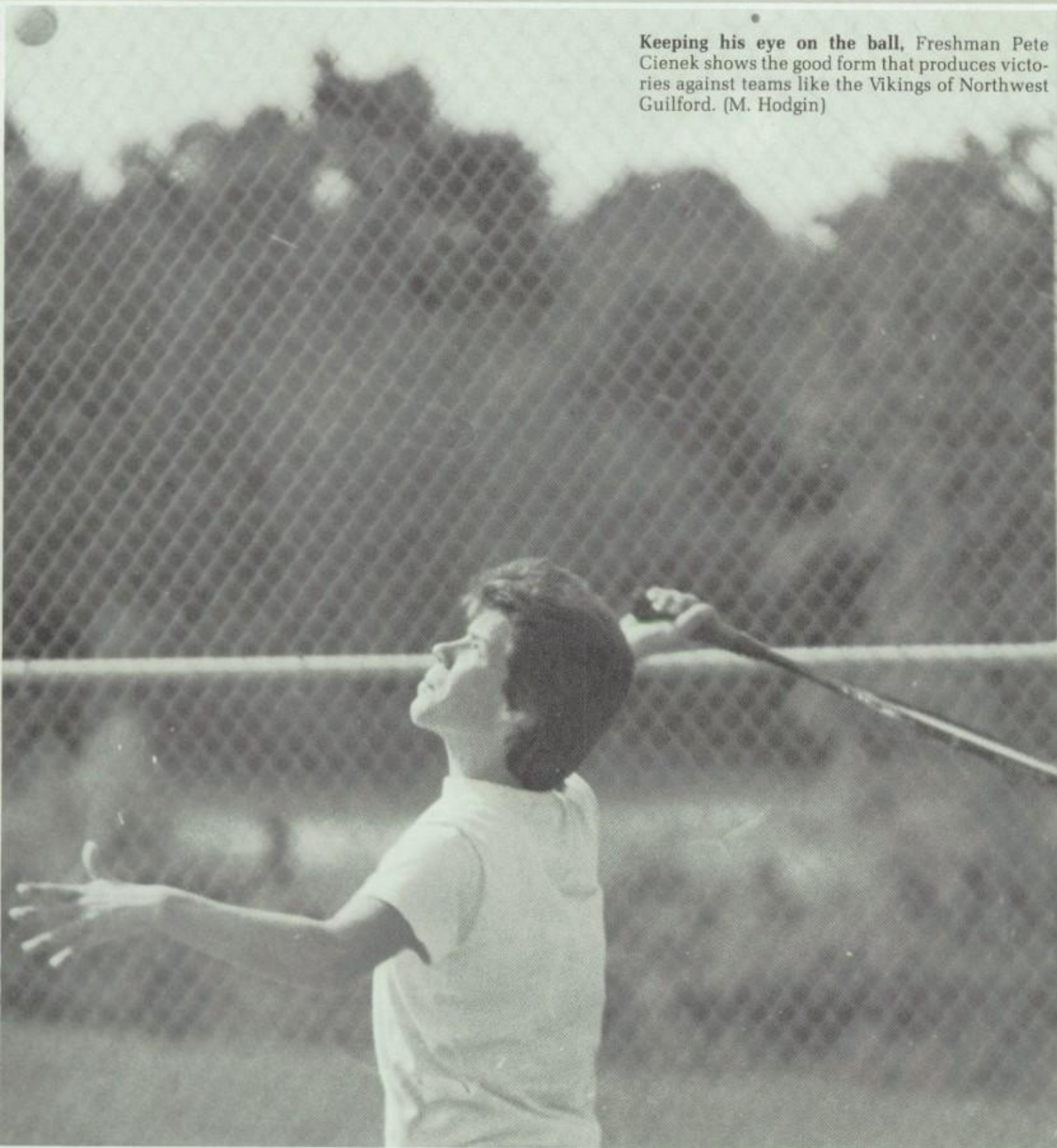
Reaching high in order to get top velocity on his second serve, Sophomore Richard Miller attempts to use topspin for good placement. (M. Hodgin)



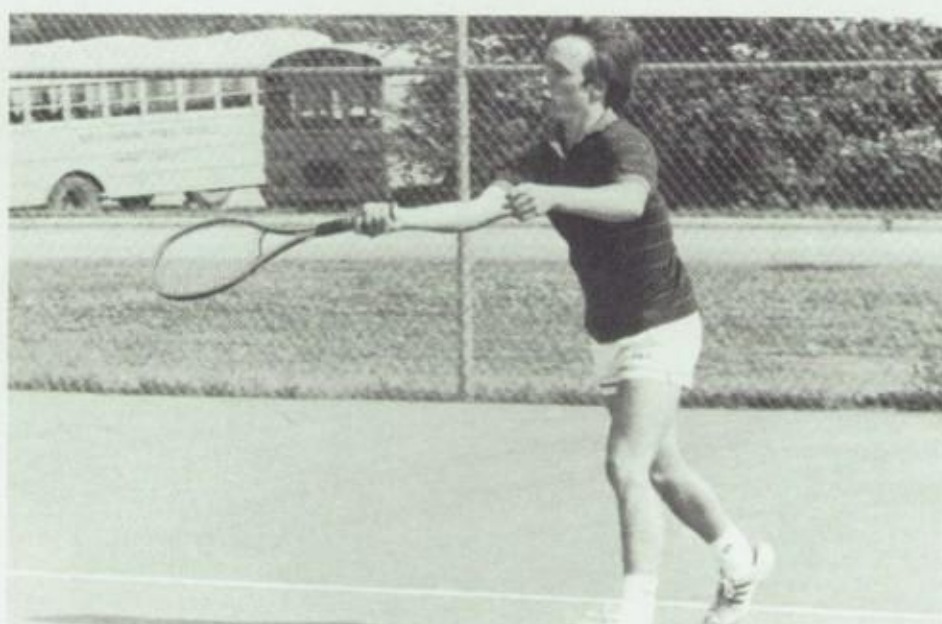
Serving up success, Brad Frazier concentrates on getting the ball in the service court with some pace in a match against Rockingham County. (M. Hodgin)



Keeping his eye on the ball, Freshman Pete Cienek shows the good form that produces victories against teams like the Vikings of Northwest Guilford. (M. Hodgin)



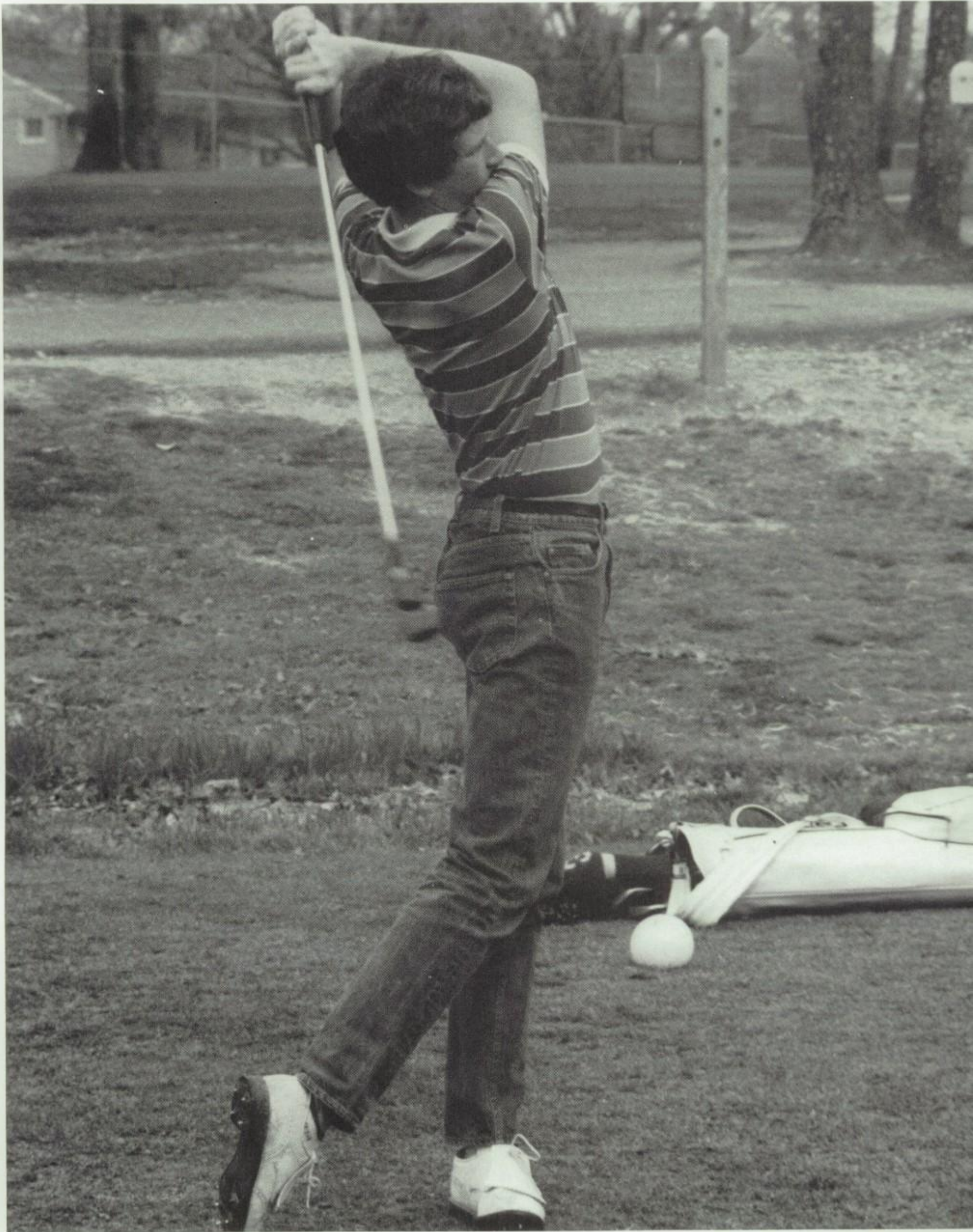
Showing his good follow-through, Sophomore Ed Flynn uses his powerful serve to put his Northeast Guilford opponent on the defensive. (M. Hodgin)



Using his effective approach shot, Charlie Wray, the number one singles player, slices his way to the net against his Eastern Guilford opponent. (M. Hodgin)



Dave Oliphant demonstrates a perfect follow through as he drives the ball down the fairway (S. Bean)

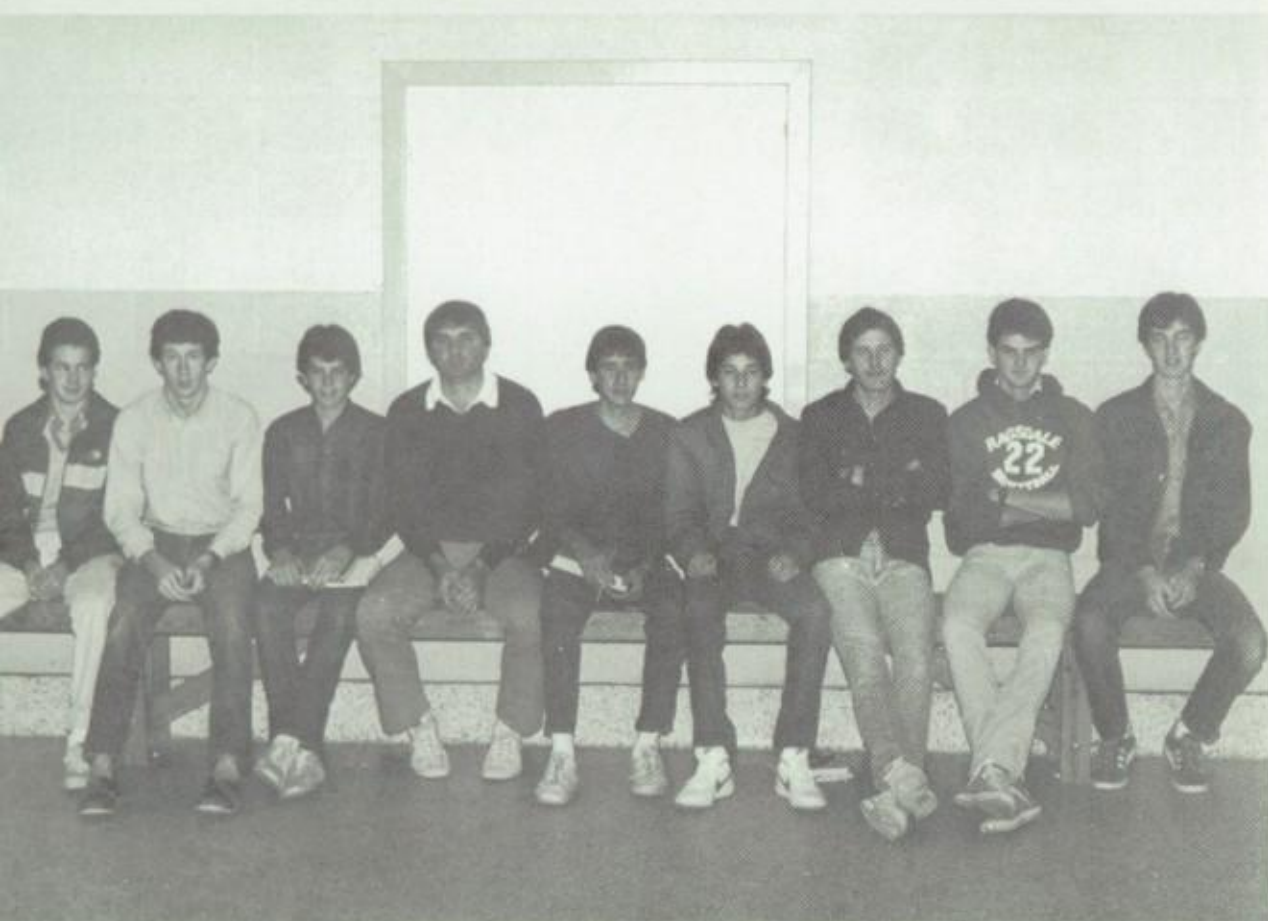




Ken Baynes hopes for the best as he tees off at the Jamestown Golf Course. (S. Bean)



Coach Herb Pike gives putting tips to Jason Gentel. (K. Baynes)



1984 Golf Team: Mark Cassady, Dave Oliphant, Jason Gentel, Coach Herb Pike, John Thompson, Brian McKee, Mark Tippet, Allen Hewett, Ken Baynes. (S. Bean)

# Golf

## The Hole Story

Hard-working, dedicated, young and, of course, talented were just a few words used to describe last spring's golf team. The team finished second in the conference.

Coach Herb Pike said of the team, "I thought that with all of the young players on the team that we had a good season." Consequently, the team finished first in the Western Division of the Triad Conference which gave them the opportunity to host half of the conference tournament. On the first day of tournament play, Reidsville won at their home course; however, the Tigers defeated them when they played as the home team. Unfortunately, Reidsville was declared conference champion because their two-day total was lower than Ragsdale's.

At the end of the season, two players were rewarded for their exceptional playing throughout the season. Senior Ricky Carter was named Most Valuable Player while Freshman Jason Gentel was named the Outstanding Underclassman. Mr. Pike was voted Coach of the Year for the Conference.

Freshman Jason Gentel gazes into the distance as he assesses his teammate's shot. (K. Baynes)

### 1984 Golf Season Matches

	Score
H.P. Andrews	2nd
H.P. Central	2nd
Southern Guilford	Tie
Ragsdale	1st
Ragsdale	1st
H.P. Andrews	3rd
Rockingham	1st
Western Guilford	1st
Northwest Guilford	1st
Conference Tournament	
Reidsville	2nd
Ragsdale	1st
overall-2nd	



While fighting Eastern Guilford in the 1600-meter relay, Jerry Wadsley makes a successful hand-off to Tim Sanders. (S. Gilreath)



Getting in some last-minute practice, Buzz Knox executes a warm-up jump in preparation against his opponents from Southern Guilford. (M. Hodgins)



**1984 Boys Track Team — Front Row:** Jerry Wadsley, Terrance Ballard, Bill Rager, Lewis Walker, Coach Norwood. **Second Row:** Michael Coleman, Carvel Alston, David Williams, Jim Layton, Lowel Speight. **Third Row:** Patrick Harris, Charles Jenkins, Jim Olsen, Frank Norton, Jason Long, Scott Rhodes. **Fourth Row:** Kevin Williams, Warren Grant, Michael Brockman, Robert Gibson, Steve Golleho, Richard Niles. **Fifth Row:** Larry Boyd, Eddie Turner, Jimmy Whitten, Robert Cates, Sterling Gilreath, Ken Jackson. (M. Hodgins)



Warming up for the 300-meter hurdles, Jason Long makes a few practice jumps. Mental concentration is also a vital part of his warm-up. (M. Hodgin)



# Track

## One Step at a Time

**W**ith experienced teams, hard work, and a little luck, the boys and girls track teams posted winning seasons.

The boys track team, led by Most Valuable member Richard Long, had four wins and four second places. They never finished below second place in conference meets. Eric Blue was picked as the most improved team member.

The girls track team, who had the advantage of seasoned athletes Delphine Marsh, Robin Stephenson, and Stacy Holaday, posted a seven win and two loss season. Senior Delphine Marsh was selected the Most

Valuable member while Robin Stephenson was awarded the Most Outstanding Award. Freshman Tyra Haiy was designated rookie of the year.

Due to the lack of participation, there was actually no girls cross country team; however, three students diligently attended practice and went unheralded for the entire season. These girls were Sophomores Andee Huber and Stacy Holaday, and Freshman Dawn Threat. In fact, first-year Coach Mr. Gaines

**In the first Cross Country meet of the season, Jimmy VanDerWoude gets off to an early start against his opponents. (M. Hodgin)**



**In the meet against Southern Guilford, Buzz Knox adds to the Ragsdale lead in the 800-meter relay. (M. Hodgin)**



## One Step

commented on the lack of interest when he said, "I feel that we could have a very strong girls team with more participation." The boys, however, were very successful finishing second only to Southern Guilford and Reidsville. Sophomore Jimmy VanDerWoude received the Most Valuable Player award while Jim Layton received the Most Improved.

Using his full effort, Charles Jenkins heaves the twelve-pound shot-put in an attempt to take the lead against Reidsville. (M. Hodgin)



1984 BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK		
GIRLS	OPPONENT	BOYS
1st	WESTERN GUILFORD	2nd
1st	SOUTHEAST GUILFORD	1st
1st	SOUTHERN GUILFORD	1st
2nd	ROCKINGHAM	2nd
1st	NORTHEAST GUILFORD	2nd
1st	REIDSVILLE	2nd
2nd	MOREHEAD	2nd
1st	EASTERN GUILFORD	1st
1st	NORTHWEST GUILFORD	1st

1984 CROSS COUNTRY		
OPPONENT		
GREENSBORO DAY		1st
WESTERN GUILFORD		1st
NORTHWEST GUILFORD		1st
SOUTHERN GUILFORD		2nd
NORTHEAST GUILFORD		1st
REIDSVILLE		2nd
ROCKINGHAM		1st
MOREHEAD		1st
EASTERN GUILFORD		1st
SOUTHEAST GUILFORD		1st

As Mr. Harris and Robert Gibson look on, Stacy Holaday practices her high jump to insure perfection in her next meet. (M. Hodgin)



Striving for every inch, Jennifer Baker tries to take the lead in the long jump competition against Rockingham. (M. Hodgin)



**1984 Girls Track Team** — Front Row: Jennifer Baker, Rachel Bivens, Kathy Burcham, Sheila Swinto, Melissa Dewey, Felicia Little. Back Row: Coach Parks, Michelle Apple, Stacy Holaday, Lisan Dickson, Pam Allison, Renee Morgan, Delphine Marsh, Robin Stephenson, Tyra Haley, Lena Evans, Coach Joey Taro. (M. Hodgin)







Being a Sophomore starter of the varsity team, Courtenay Shaw tries to widen the Tigers lead by two against Thomasville at home. (K. Baynes)



Looking for another Ragsdale teammate, Janie Hunt attempts to pass the ball after being stopped by the Northwest defense. (S. Bean)

As she attempts to gain control of a rebound over the Northwest Vikings, Mary Dixon concentrates on maintaining possession. (S. Bean)







1984-85 Girls Varsity Basketball Team — front row: Kristy Kenny, Elizabeth Hole, Kerry Flynn, Amy Williford, Felicia Burzell, Amber Marsh. (M. Hodgin); back row: Terri Kirkpatrick, Dawn

Chenausky, Courtenay Shaw, Tammy Jackson, Amy Williford, Felicia Burzell, Amber Marsh. (M. Hodgin)

#### 1984-85 Girls Varsity Basketball Won 11, Lost 7

	Score
Southern Guilford	54-38
Northeast Guilford	37-42
Northwest Guilford	59-50
Rockingham	18-36
Southeast Guilford	36-50
Reidsville	37-36
Eastern Guilford	48-42
Western Guilford	38-27
Morehead	38-25
Southern Guilford	47-39
Northwest Guilford	43-34
Northeast Guilford	38-45
Southeast Guilford	44-38
Rockingham	45-51
Reidsville	49-35
Western Guilford	50-39
Morehead	25-34
Eastern Guilford	37-42
Conference Tournament	
Northeast Guilford	43-34
Eastern Guilford	37-42



1984-85 Girls J.V. Basketball Team — front row: Kelly York, Dawn Dennis, Cindy Mayo; back row: Elizabeth Ihring, Cristie Wagner, Nancy Petty,

Laura Schrader, Janie Hunt, Moni Goude, Mary Dixon, Coach Owens. (M. Hodgin)

#### 1984-85 Girls J.V. Basketball Won 8, Lost 10

	Score
Southern Guilford	29-27
Northeast Guilford	35-28
Northwest Guilford	35-37
Rockingham	41-52
Southeast Guilford	40-41
Reidsville	37-39
Eastern Guilford	32-33
Western Guilford	38-43
Morehead	41-33
Southern Guilford	34-29
Northeast Guilford	33-34
Northwest Guilford	34-37
Rockingham	35-27
Southeast Guilford	37-30
Reidsville	31-36
Western Guilford	36-27
Morehead	36-39
Eastern Guilford	49-48

## RESPECT

For the 1984-5 season, the Lady Tigers finally received the recognition that they deserved. With much hard work and determination, compiled with teamwork, the girls were able to complete the season with the best Ragsdale record since 1978.

The J.V. girls, finished the season with a 9-13 showing. Many of the games lost were very suspenseful ones, that brought the girls close to victory, but ended in defeat.

The Varsity girls, however, until the final week, were playing for a district berth. Led by All Conference and All Tournament Amy Williford and Honorable Mention Courtney Shaw, the Varsity Lady Tigers ended the season with an 11-7 conference record and 12-12 overall.



Soaring over her Thomasville opponent, Amy Williford dogs the Bulldogs. Unfortunately, Amy's efforts were not enough as the Tigers suffered a defeat. (M. Hodgin)



# Sweet Success

## How Sweet It Is

**T**he boy's basketball teams truly gave the school what it wanted — victories, routs, and more victories.

Basketball season officially began on the first of October, but the stories of these teams must include the week they spent at East Carolina University's team camp where the Tigers battled other high schools as well as the torrid weather.

Because of the success of the football team and key players participating in both sports, Coach Hankins schedule was pushed back several weeks. Undaunted, the Tigers blazed through their first eight games without a loss. And after eighteen games had posted fifteen victories. The Tigers also amassed an eleven and one home record. Three of the

### 1984-1985 Boys JV Basketball W-17, L-5

	Score
Southern Guilford	52-24
Thomasville	42-50
Northeast Guilford	54-52
Northwest Guilford	49-35
Thomasville	58-56
Rockingham	52-54
Southwest Guilford	57-54
Southeast Guilford	54-36
Southwest Guilford	66-69
Reidsville	56-62
Eastern Guilford	69-60
Western Guilford	56-39
Morehead	48-55
Southern Guilford	52-45
Northwest Guilford	41-39
Northeast Guilford	52-51
Southeast Guilford	44-43
Rockingham	73-43
Reidsville	59-49
Western Guilford	63-44
Morehead	52-49
Eastern Guilford	60-54

**Leading the way,** Seniors Rodney Melton and Rence Oliphant begin warm-ups as the team tries to improve its record with another victory. (M. Hodgin)

### 1984-85 Boys Varsity Basketball W-20, L-7

	Score
Southern Guilford	59-54
Thomasville	62-39
Northeast Guilford	46-34
Northwest Guilford	58-42
Thomasville	58-38
Rockingham	77-57
Southwest Guilford	60-49
Southeast Guilford	69-65
Southwest Guilford	54-60
Reidsville	47-58
Eastern Guilford	86-65
Western Guilford	74-56
Morehead	63-52
Southern Guilford	54-44
Northeast Guilford	52-54
Northwest Guilford	59-43
Rockingham	59-43
Southeast Guilford	51-40
Reidsville	56-59
Western Guilford	55-52
Morehead	52-55
Eastern Guilford	69-64
Northwest Guilford	58-40
Northeast Guilford	61-44
Reidsville	61-66

### District Playoffs

Graham	56-54
Western Guilford	49-61

Rising high for the occasion, Senior David "F. Wee" Boyd thrills the crowd with a slam against the Southeast Guilford Falcons. (M. Hodgin)

After shedding his Southeast defenders, Senior center Mark Kidd puts in a sure two points on the Tigers way to another victory. (M. Hodgin)



**After sliding between two Morehead challengers,** Sophomore Ulyses Welch pulls up for a shot jump shot and an attempted junior varsity score. (M. Hodgin)









# Success

team's seven losses were to the powerhouse of the district, the Rams of Reidsville.

As for the success of the team Coach Hankins commented, "This team had the best two forwards and one of the best guards that has played at Ragsdale in the ten years that I have coached."

This year's team, which was led by its seven seniors, posted the first twenty win season in Ragsdale's history. "It was one of the finest group of young men, on and off the court, that I have coached in ten years."

This year's Junior Varsity team was one of the best in Ragsdale's history as was proven in their 17-5 overall record, as well as their ability to win the conference regular season. The most consistent player this year was Ulysees Welch, who averaged 23.5 points per game and was undoubtedly one of the premier players in the conference. He was followed by Chuck Van Hook, who averaged 10 points per game.

This year's team won their last nine games improving their record from 8-5 to 17-5. The most critical game of the season occurred at Reidsville where the Junior Varsity boys handled a tough Ram defense and proved their championship caliber.



Skying high above his Southwest Guilford opponent, Senior Rence Oliphant puts a jump shot in the face of a Cowboy defender. (K. Baynes)

Going for two points against Northeast Guilford, Sophomore Giles Smith shoots a jumper at the foul line in a Junior Varsity game. (S. Bean)





**Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball:** front row: DeWayne Peler, Donnie Manees, Mike Gailey, Matt Larrick, Gary Kidd; **second row:** Giles Smith, Chuck Van Hook, Craig Putman, Scott Wall, Chris Johnson, Ulysees Welch, Willie Dockery, Calvin Dunlap, Coach Pearce.



**Boys' Varsity Basketball:** front row: Rence Oliphant, Mark Kidd, Mike Hunt, Rodney Melton, Mike Davis, Allen Hewett, David Boyd; **second row:** Scott Barker, Jeff Purvis, Tommy Mata, David Oliphant, Brian Clodfelter, Coach Smith, Coach Peace, Coach Hankins.

Aroused by an exciting play by the Tigers, the crowd erupts with a deafening roar. This kind of support was exhibited throughout the year by the Tiger fans. (M. Hodgin)

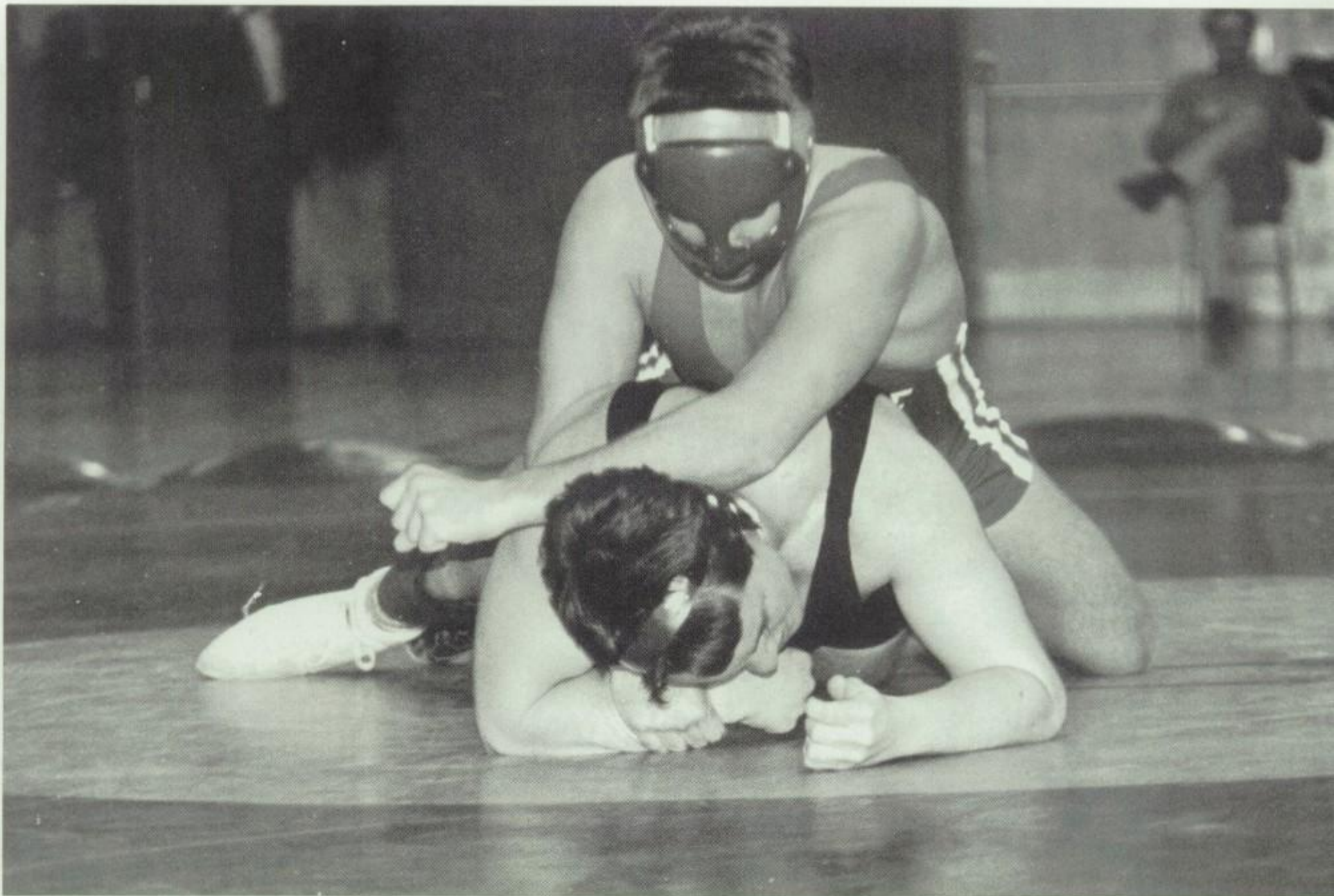


**Horizontal to the floor,** Senior Rodney Melton releases the ball while attempting a three-point-play against the Reidsville undercutter. (M. Hodgin)

**Displaying his good form,** Sophomore Chuck Van Hook pumps in a baseline jumper in a victory for the Junior Varsity squad. (K. Baynes)



Made to wear a mask due to his broken nose, Junior Steve Prentzas displays power over his opponent as he prepares to pin him. (M. Hodgins)



## Beyond the Call

# A Legend Retires

Sweaty mats, long practices, and making weight were all a part of the Tigers 1984-5 wrestling season. "Much dedication and hard work is necessary to be successful at a sport such as wrestling", said All Conference selection Edwin Bare, and that is just what the Tigers employed to amass an outstanding record of 8-1 in the conference, losing only to the conference champs, Northwest Guilford.

The battle to such a great record was a tough one. Having only 6 seniors on the team, proved to be a disadvantage from a leadership position. However, as the record indicates, the youth did not hinder their success. Said Coach Mike Raybon,

"I feel great about our season. We lost two matches early when we had weight and conditioning problems, but finished 8-1 in the conference. As young as we were, our kids accomplished more than could have been expected."

After losing their first and fourth match, the team buckled down and won 9 of their last 11 meets, rolling off 7 victories in the wake. While defeating Southern, Southwest Guilford, Western Guilford, Morehead, Rockingham, Eastern Guilford, Northeast Guilford, Southeast Guilford, and Reidsville, the Tigers just missed winning the conference at the end of the season.

A rather sad but mandatory re-

### 1984-5 Boy's Wrestling Varsity Dual Meets W-9, L-3

	RHS-OPP
High Point Andrews	29-31
Southern Guilford	44-29
Southwest Guilford	44-21
Trinity	13-48
Western Guilford	47-18
Morehead	48-18
Rockingham	46-21
Eastern Guilford	53-12
Northwest Guilford	45-17
Southeast Guilford	53-15
Reidsville	57-16
Northwest Guilford	18-33

### Varsity Tournaments

Greensboro Invitational	8th
Tigerland Classic	6th
Indian Classic	7th
Triad Conference	Runner-Up
Triad Conference Tournament	Runner-Up
Sectional Tournament	15th
Regional Tournament	
State Tournament	

### J.V. Tournaments

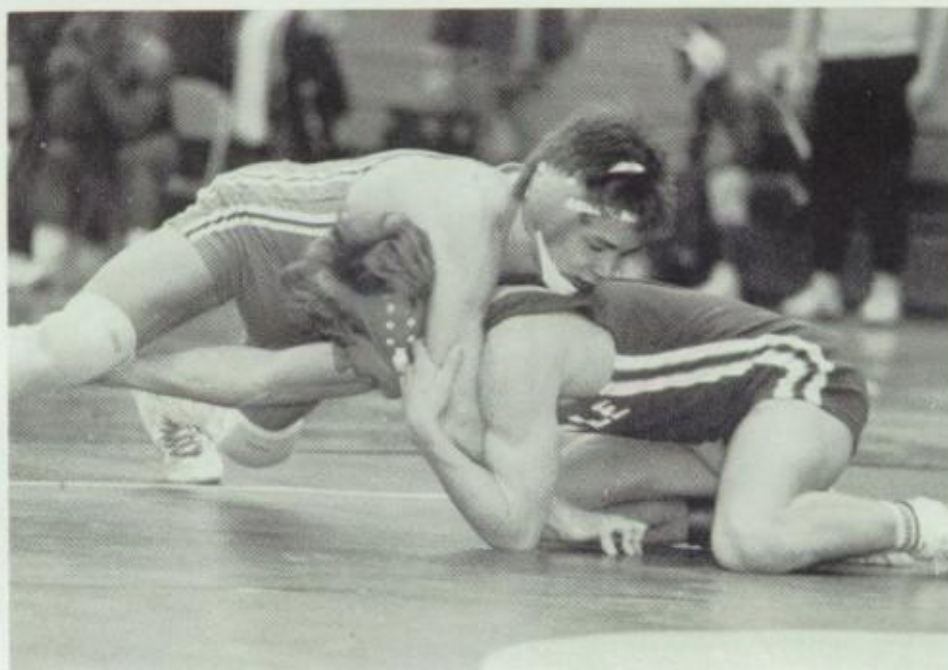
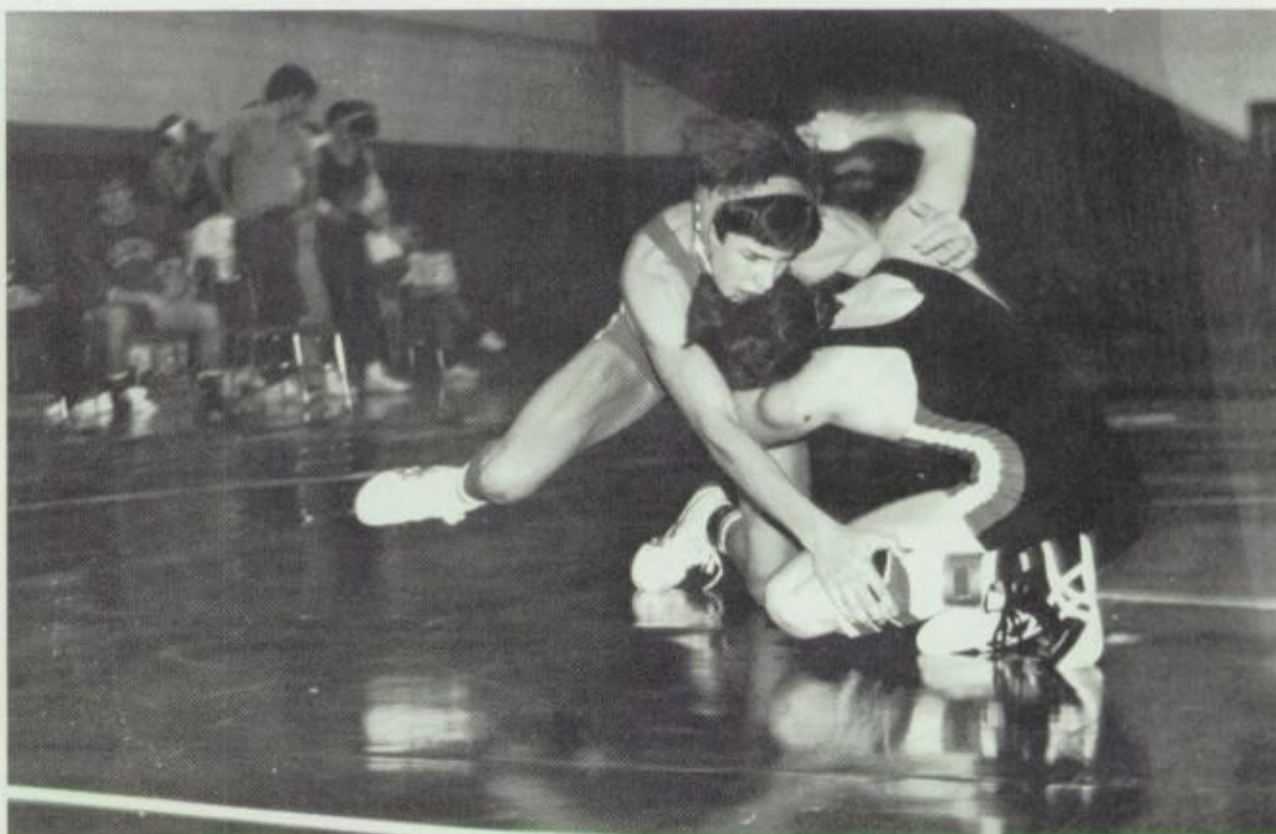
Greensboro J.V. Invitational	4th
Jamestown J.V. Invitational	2nd
Cowboy J.V. Invitational	2nd
Triad J.V. Conference	Champions





Taking a break after a tough brawl, All Conference wrestler Mike Dixon drinks some water and reflects on his victorious conflict over his opponent. (M. Hodgin)

Grabbing his opponent in hopes of getting enough leverage to land him on his back, Varsity Wrestler David Byerly hopes to pin his opponent. (M. Hodgin)

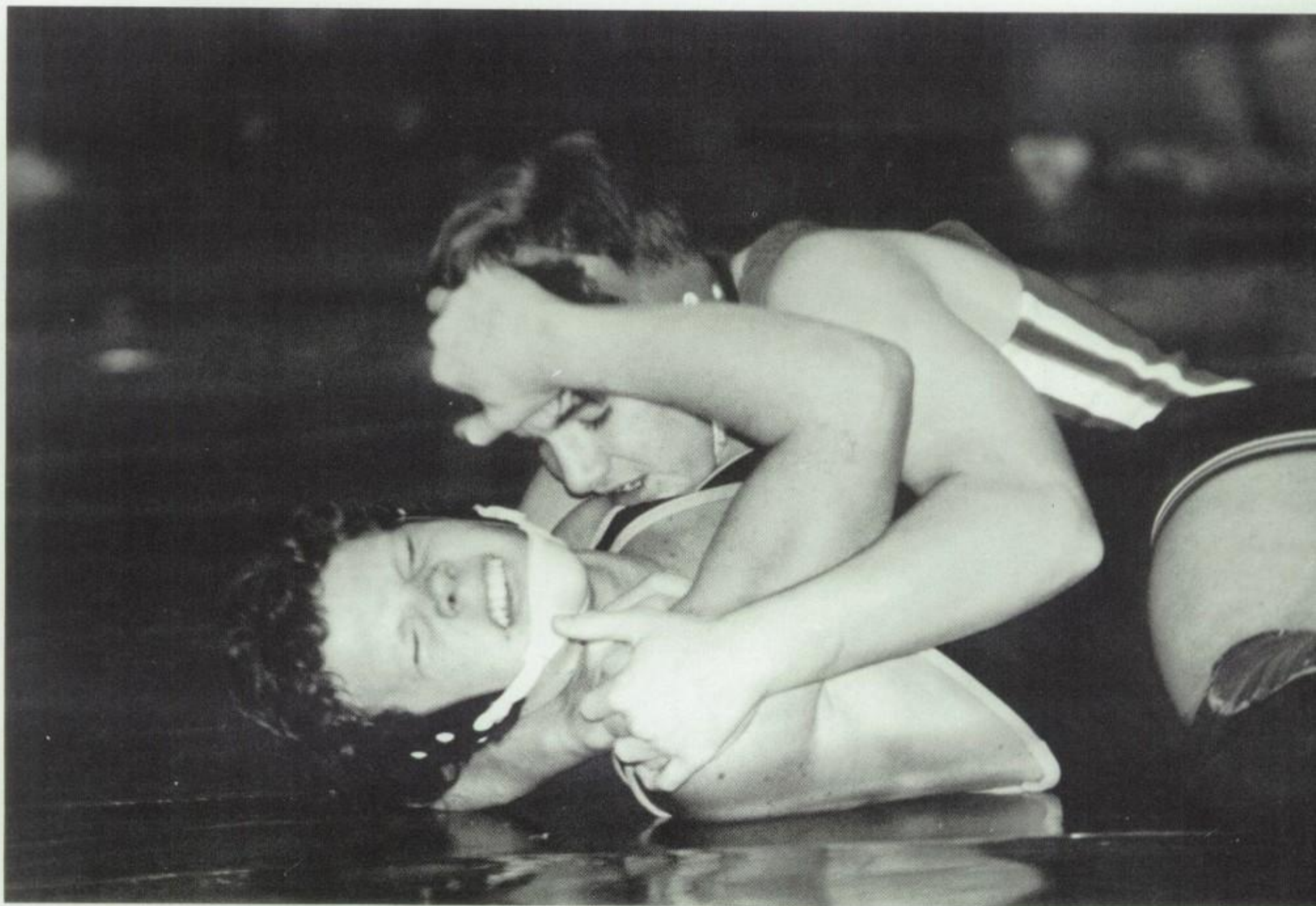


Getting position in a close battle with a worthy foe, Junior Jason Long readies to take charge of the skirmish and end it with a pin. (M. Hodgin)



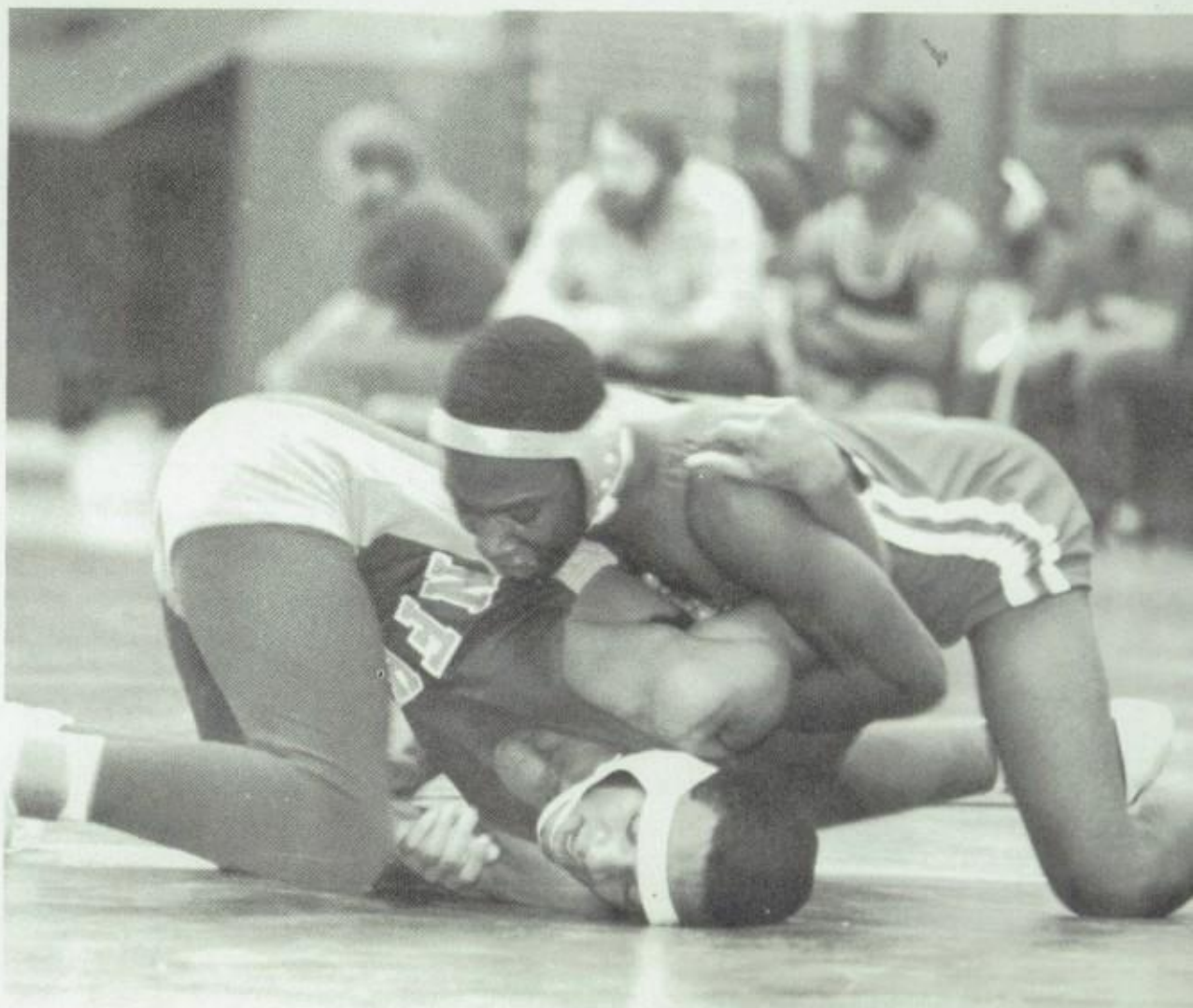
**1984-5 Wrestling Team:** front row: Jeff Lucas, Mark Thacker, John Wilke, Edwin Bare, Jason Long, Kirk Raybon, Tom Duez, Ken Jackson; second row: David Martin, David Wilson, Scott Costantini, Steve Prentzas, Larry Boyd, Mike Dixon; third row: Todd Lovett, Eric Ray, David Byerly, Phillip Marlow, Steve Thomas, Charlie Brown, Javis Tate, Henry Song, Blain Mitchell, Ron White, Ken Mizell, Ray Jackson, Kevin Frost, Joe Corley, Kevin Hughes; fourth row: Kevin Johnson, Jim Olson, Louis Walker, Steve Bullren, Rodney Hasty, Mike Martine, Randy Mecca, Lee Chestnutt, Brent Jackson, Tim Johnson, Jerry Wadsley, Andy Powers, Jay Muckenfuss.





**Maneuvering his opponent with all of the strength that he can, Sophomore Kirk Raybon drives his chin into his opponents chest in hopes of emerging victorious. (M. Hodgin)**

**In a battle with a North Forsyth opponent, Senior Ken Jackson attempts to flip his foe onto his back in order to obtain the pin. (M. Hodgin)**



**Ending a brilliant career bursting at the seams with victory, Coach Mike Raybon talks with journalists after a match. At the close of 19 years, his era was passing. (M. Hodgin)**



# Beyond the Call

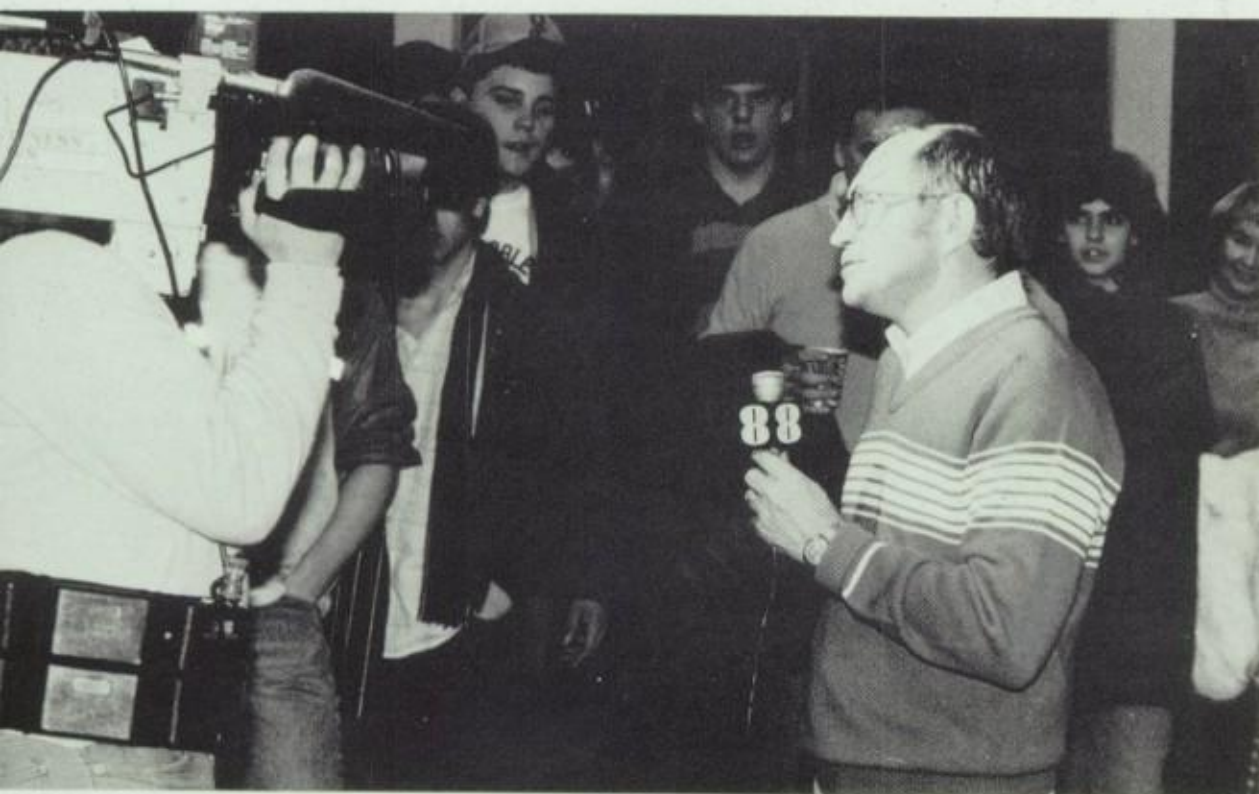
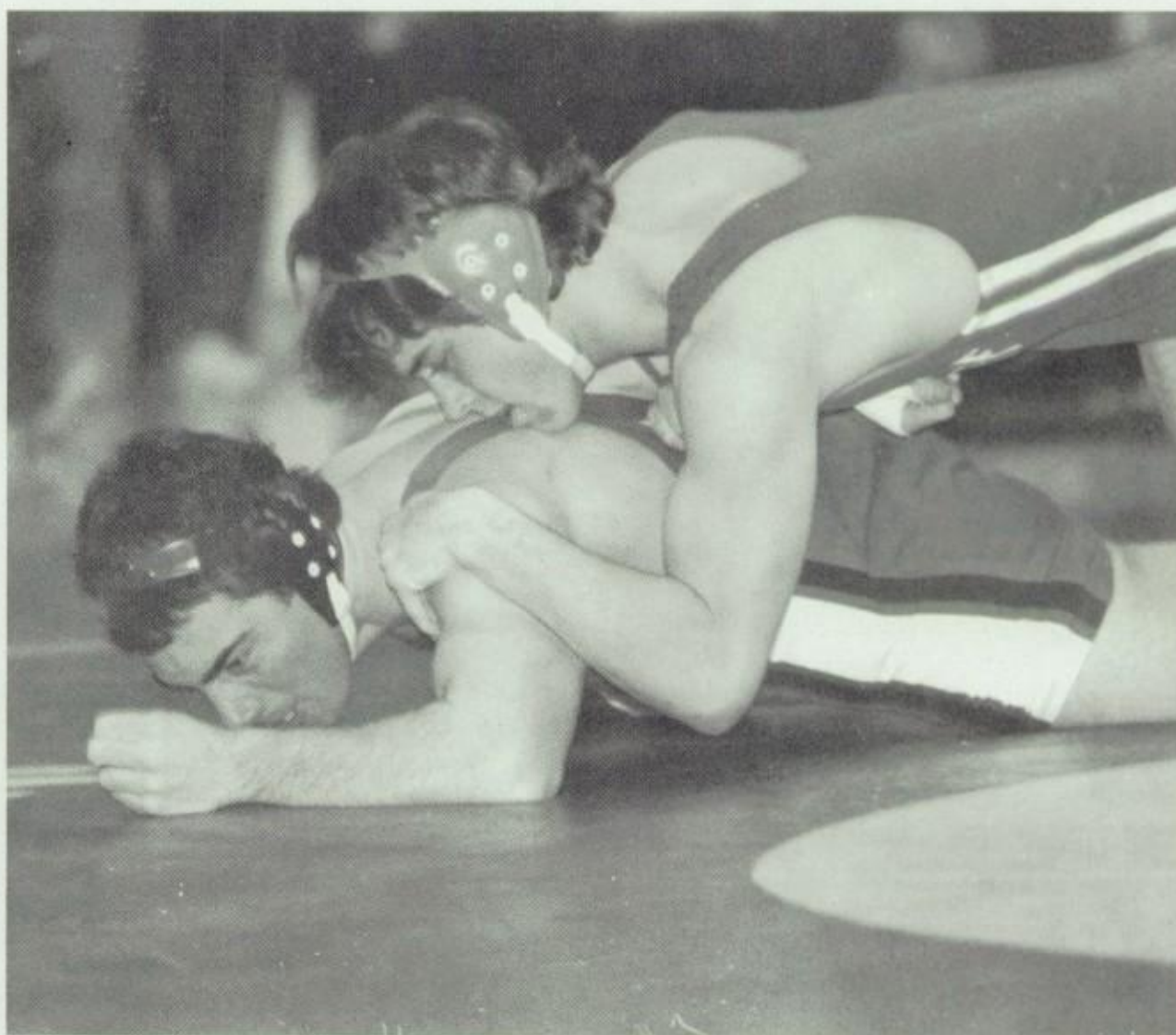
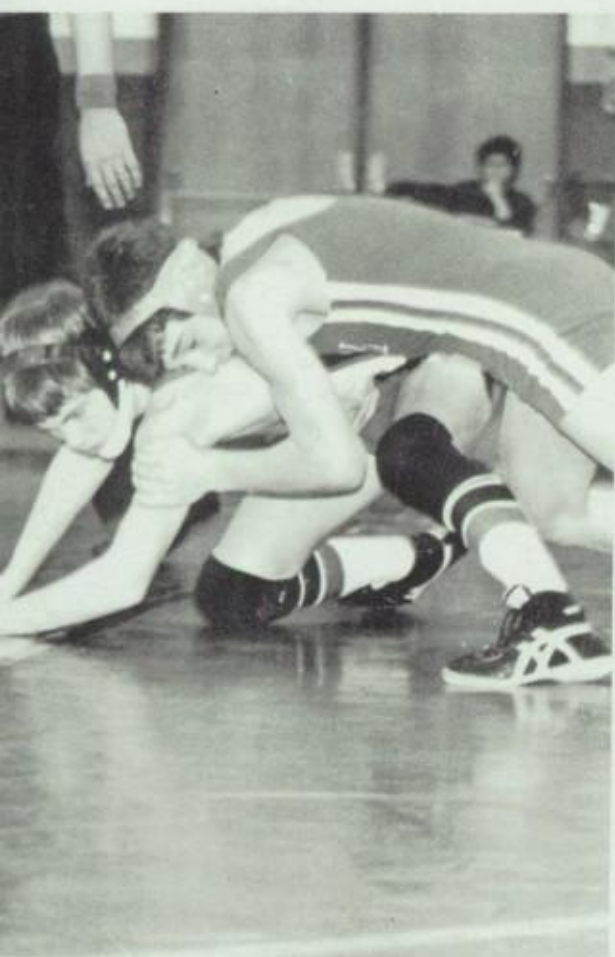
irement of a 19 year veteran occurred at the end of the season. A policy requiring assistant principals not to coach meant that Mike Raybon, who coached 3 winning teams in the State finals and captured 14 conference championships, had to step down. When asked how he stood on the matter, Coach Raybon remarked, "Professionally, the deci-

sion not to allow assistant principals to coach is sound. Personally, I wish that those of us who were already coaching could have been allowed to finish their careers."

Athletes picked as All Conference wrestlers included Mike Dixon (23-11-0), Edwin Bare (15-11-0), Steve Prentzas (16-4-0), and Jason Long (18-9-0).

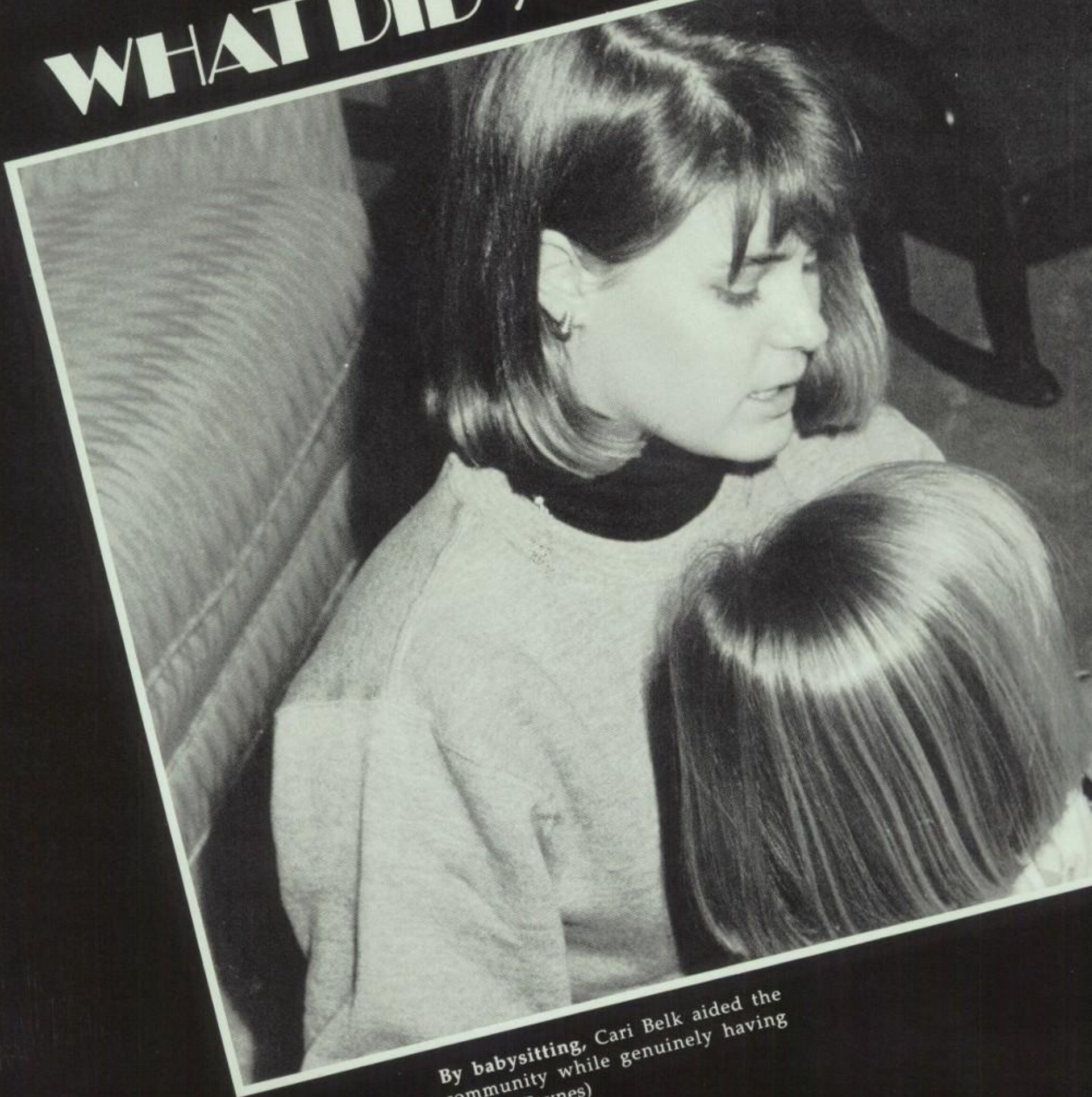
**Slamming his opponent onto the mat, Junior David Wilson puts his chin to the grindstone and prepares to shoot the move to pin. (M. Hodgin)**

erting all of his weight onto his opponent, Varsity Wrestler John Wilke attempts to throw his adversary onto the mat. The effort ended in triumph. (M. Hodgin)





# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?



By babysitting, Cari Belk aided the community while genuinely having fun. (K. Baynes)



# Community

A good community involves people who are willing to work together for the benefit of all. Whether individuals are involved in the volunteer fire department, the garden clubs, or other type jobs, people are the crucial basis for a productive community. For the past twenty-five years, community businesses, organizations, and individual families, throughout Jamestown, High Point, and Greensboro, have supported Ragsdale. With the tremendous help and generosity of the community, the ECHO was able to maintain its high, quality standards.

In order to raise enough money for the challenging budget of over \$26,000, each member of the ECHO

staff began selling community and patron advertisements at the beginning of the summer. Each staff member was obligated to sell \$500 worth of ads. This was, by no means, an easy task, but the funds were greatly needed to pay for many, varied expenses. The price of the ECHO was raised to \$23 to help meet the high yearbook costs as well.

The ECHO was made possible through the help of community individuals and corporations. Therefore, take special notice of the ads so that the supportive individuals can be recognized and remembered. Generous people like these have exceeded Ragsdale's highest expectations!



"I think that the best part about living in the Jamestown community is its location. You're between both Greensboro and High Point with so much to do and so many people to get to know." (K. Baynes)

— Hope Pruden

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# Dedication of Excellence

In 1975, Mr. Dennis Carroll received his first experience as a high school yearbook advisor. Although an assistant then, he was not new to the industry. At High Point College, he was elected editor of the *Zenith* during his junior year.

The yearbook industry was quite different in 1975. The *Echo*, still an 8½ x 11 publication, had virtually no color, including senior pictures, and layout/design was completely opposite from today's standards. However, when "DC", as he is affectionately known to his students, took over as advisor in 1976, things began to change for the better on the *Echo* staff. Switching to the larger 9 x 12 book, a tradition of excellence began that would eventually result in 4 Gold Medallist awards (1980, 1981, 1982, and 1984), one first place award (1983), and two All Southern placements (1981 and 1983).

Much hard work and determination was poured into the making of the 1985 edition of the *Echo*, which began with a trip to Elon College for a workshop. The work continued with countless hours spent during school, after school, and at night at Mr. Carroll's home. But, as always, the demanding position of advisor was handled with loyalty and determination by "DC". Constantly thinking about the condition of that staff, the veteran advisor even went so far as to wake up at night, wondering if enough copy sheets were on hand for the upcoming deadline. These, and many more nerve racking occur-

ences, were all a part of the plight of the persistent and determined advisor.

The 1984-85 yearbook staff would like to congratulate "DC" on 10 dedicated years at Ragsdale and thank him for the time and patience which he afforded to the 25th silver anniversary edition of the *Echo*. But, then again, "WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?"



Looking out into the class, Mr. Dennis Carroll ponders the condition of the yearbook in hopes of perfecting the *Echo*. (S. Bean)

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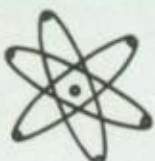
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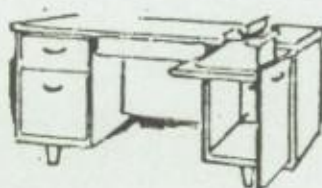
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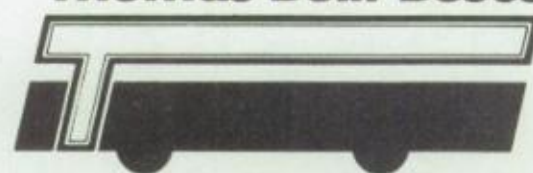
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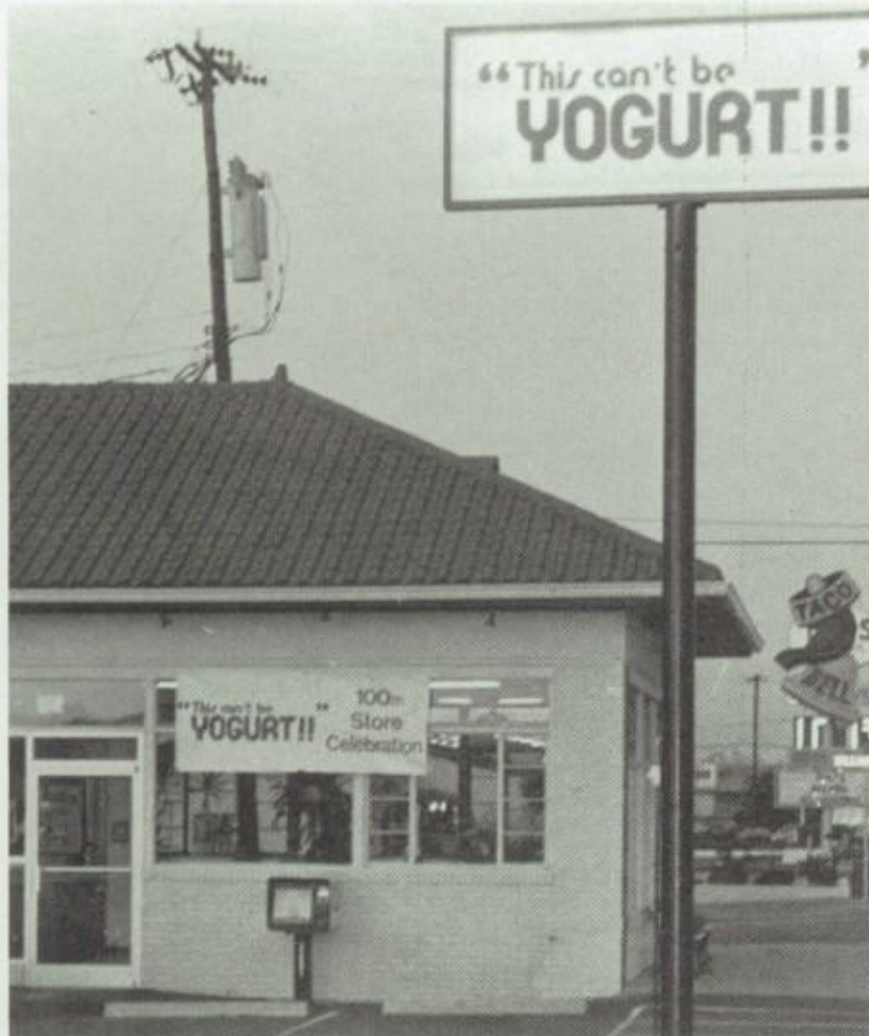
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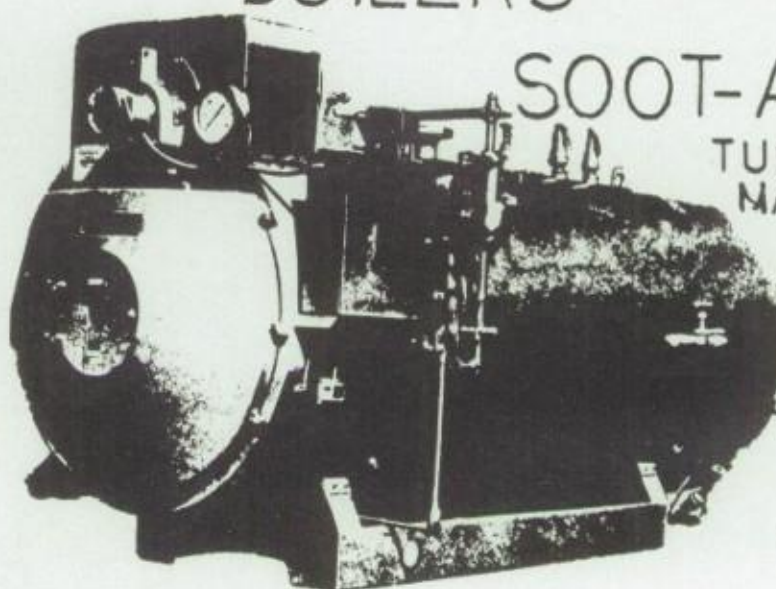
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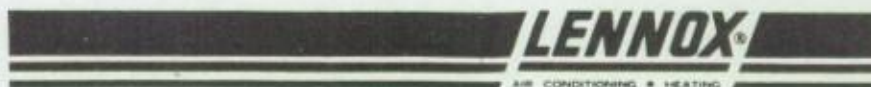
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Working part time was a big commitment because jobs definitely limited one's free time. There were always benefits and draw backs to working. When Van McKay was asked about his work, he said, "Sometimes it's hard . . . and sometimes it's slack and there is nothing to do." Therefore, jobs do have good and bad qualities. Most people felt that their jobs kept them extra busy, but work, for the most part, was worthwhile.


Working definitely was not limited to golf shops. From babysitting to farming crops, students maintained jobs after school and on weekends for different reasons. Some students saved their money that they earned for college or for their future plans. Yet, most tended to enjoy the money that they earned by splurging and buying things for themselves.

Jobs were extremely important to students. By working, students met new people, earned money, and had a great time sometimes, too, which made working more worthwhile.



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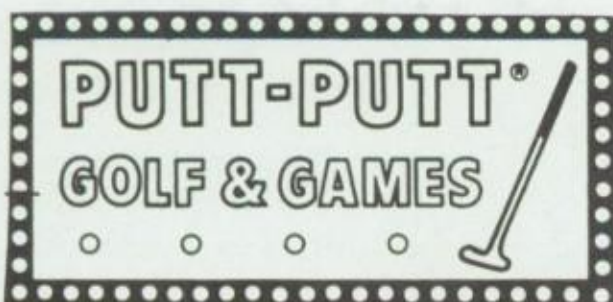
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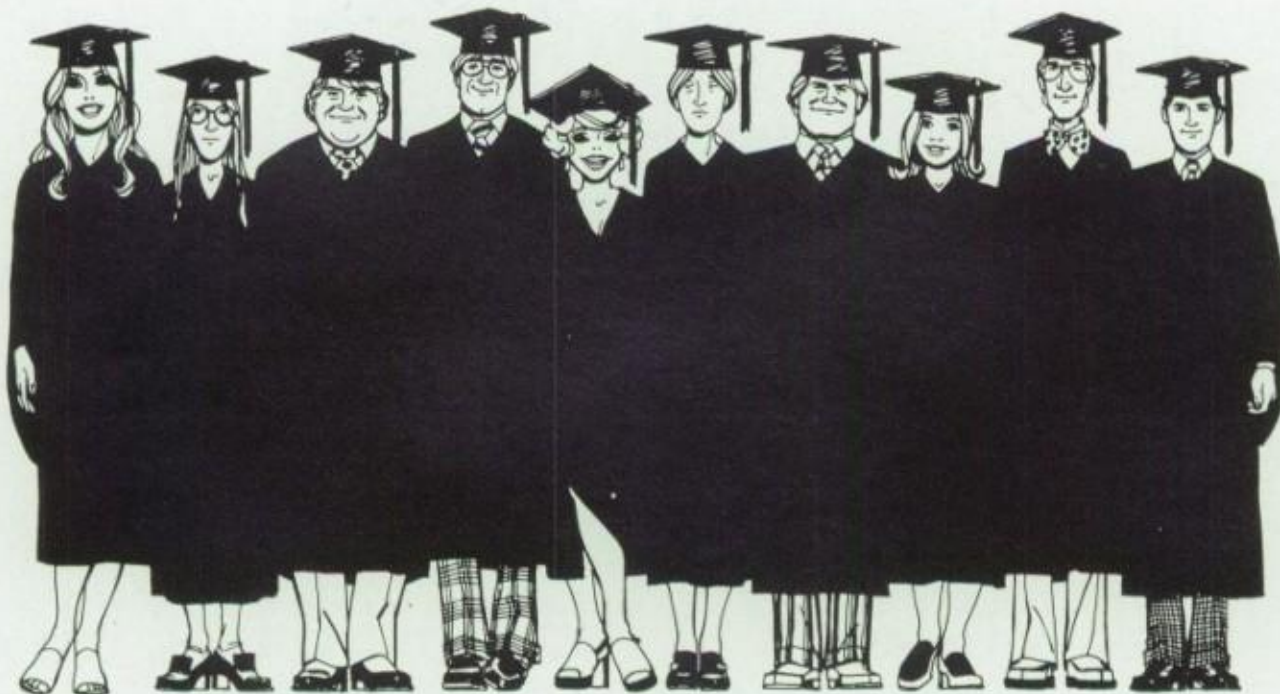


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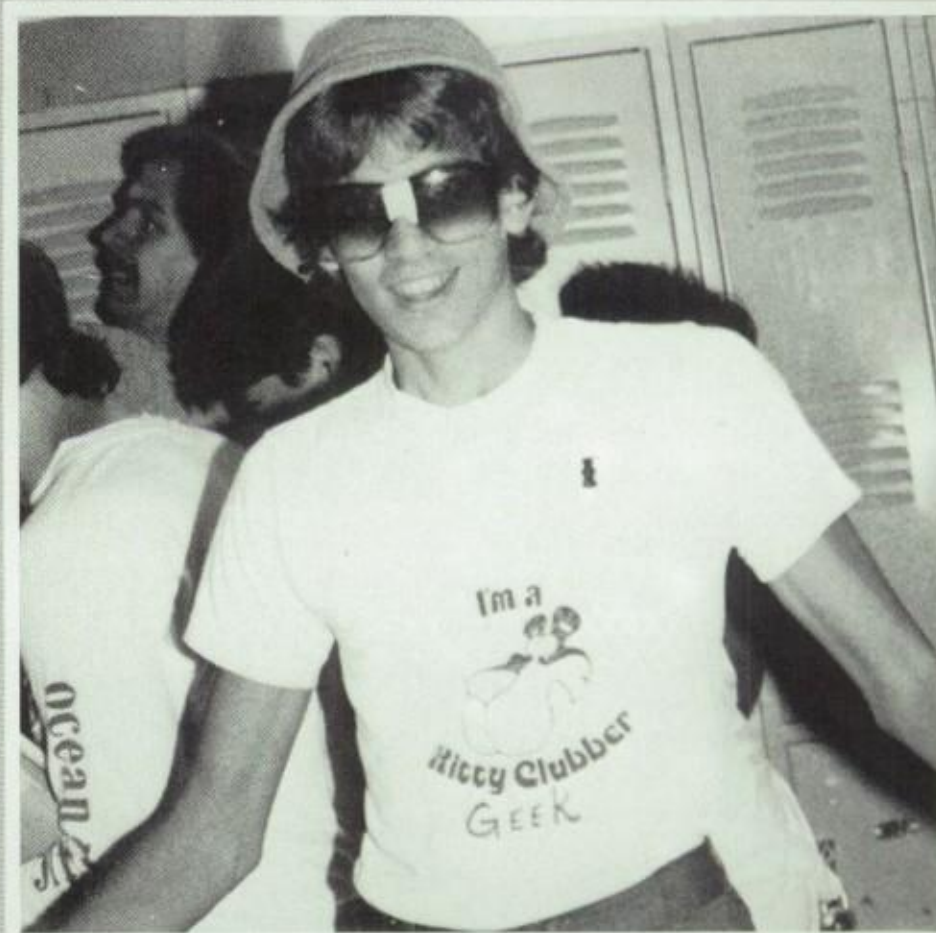
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Matt Frantz stops here for a moment to show the photographer that he will wear anything during spirit week. (M.Hodgin)



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# Hopes and Expectations

Expectation and determination. Hope and hard work. These are what made up this year as we strove to do and be our best.

In the classroom, we were met with new challenges, as well as new courses. Among the new classes was the addition of advanced chemistry. This course allowed students to further their interest in this subject and better

prepare for college. New teachers brought new ideas and ways of teaching to add variety to the day. Also, we received a new grading scale. With this new scale, A's were 94-100, B's 86-93, C's 77-85, D's 70-76. These ranges were more like the ones used in other school systems.

**During gym class, Brett Carter demonstrates proper CPR technique. (M. Hodgins)**

After school hours and weekends belonged to us. Many students spent this time working at a part-time job to earn some spending money. Other students spent this time

pursuing hobbies and developing talents. They attended dance, piano, and singing lessons, rode horses, worked in dark rooms, and a myriad of different things. However,





Members of the pep band play for basketball fans during halftime and between games. This band was a volunteer group and supported the team at all home games. (K. Baynes)



The crowd of fans supports the team against Reidsville. (M. Hodgin)



Hanging onto the wall, Dr. Dalton attempts to fix the blinds in a classroom. (M. Hodgin)

Concentrating on their job, Melissa Harrelson, Jill Regan, and Tracy Morton watch the match. (M. Hodgin)



At lunch, Bill LaGarde, Cindy Hendren, Chip Campbell, and Tim Walker talk in the commons. (M. Hodgin)

As he presents her with a rose, Tammy Jackson hugs Coach Taro at the last home game. (M. Hodgin)



At the Reidsville game, Greg Berry and Steve Anderson entertain the fans. (M. Hodgin)





# Expectations



er, some time was taken just to goof-off with friends, go to movies, ball games, or the mall.

Not only were we realizing dreams and working hard in the classroom, but we were doing the same thing in sports. After a slow start, the football team made a fantastic comeback and earned the title of Division II Champions. Perhaps one of the most mo-

tivating factors in winning this title was the fans. They never gave up and supported them until the end. Our first soccer team posted a winning season. The golf team placed second in the conference, as well as the wrestling team. As predicted, the basketball team was excellent. They were 2nd in the conference.

Throughout the year

we were reminded of our twenty-five year heritage. There were special celebrations at homecoming. Few people could help but wonder where they would be and what life would be like in another twenty-five years. However, we did not dwell on the past, but we worked hard and looked to the future with new ambitions and dreams.

**At home,** Jason Long and David Wilson support a fellow wrestler.



**Assisting a young child,** Billy McKee runs a game at his church youth group's Halloween carnival.



**Exchanging rings,** Cari Belk and Allen Hewett were the happy couple in French II's French wedding.



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We knew this year would be remembered for many reasons in the years to come. And, only we, the students of Ragsdale, could make this year what it was — the best. But, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

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**The end of a school day** does not always mean time to relax. Many students, like Jill Regan and Renee Phelps, rush home and go to other activities. (K. Baynes)



Dee

I've only met you this year but, I think you're real sweet and a great person. I hope you get everything out of life you want cause you deserve the best. I've had a lot of fun in Biology and I hope to have a couple classes with you next year so we can trip some more. Well have a Great Summer and come by and see me sometime, if you have the time.

Kim  
Kim  
Kim

Kim  
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RHT280

Dee,

I've known you for 2 years (I think) and I sure am glad that we'll probably be in the same H.R. for the next few years. Well anyway it was a trip when 'yall picked me up for Drivers Ed. I'll just ignore the fact that 'yall almost killed me but I guess we all have to let things slide some times.

The other thing I guess I'll let you slide on is the way you crack on my clothes. Especially Monday morning when coming in from one of those long, ass-chappin' weekends. You should learn and understand that not ALL of us are PERFECT like you. So BE PATIENT.

Well I hope your ~~new~~ summer will be a wild enriching hellacious experience just like mine. So party hearty but stay outta trouble and now to answer the burning question on the cover: Not a whole hell of a lot! See ya  
'87 Elizabeth



Dee,

I don't really know what to say really  
but I do know you're very nice  
so, be a good boy & don't get into  
trouble - C-ya!

Just a giggle!



Dee,

What's up? Not much here. Anyway, I  
would just like to say that I  
have enjoyed you in my first  
period class. Between the 2 of us  
one of us is going to fail this  
class and it's not you! 😊

You're a great friend. See you  
next year... HOPEFULLY.

"87" Love ya  
Kellie Jenkins



Dee,  
Well it's that  
time again, well  
completed one more year  
now only 2 more to go, you  
you in my class and I hope  
well be in more over the years  
you're really sweet guy and fun to  
be around, have a great summer!  
Kathie

Dee,  
Thank for making  
me laugh in Algebra  
when I really needed  
it. You're a sweet guy.  
I hope I see you next year!  
Love,  
BRYANT

Dee,  
You were so funny  
in Algebra and I'm  
glad I had the pleasure  
of meeting you this  
year. Have a great  
summer!

Deanna  
Winchester  
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Dee,  
You have  
been a good  
friend. I've enjoyed  
being in the same  
class with you  
and you are not just  
kidding, you are very funny  
and smart. Just  
G/F/A you'll go stay that way  
far in life.  
Good luck next year,  
your friend,  
Denise

84-85



Hugely loving,

I think you're a nice person, although sometimes you do get on my nerves. But that's alright. If you weren't around anymore, I'd probably miss you. Because then I wouldn't have anybody to ask me if I was high. I won't ever forget that day you asked me that.

Friends  
always,  
Jammy  
Parker

Dee,  
This year I won't write anything mean. I have no reason to. You've been really nice this year through another wonderful year of gym. Our last year! Of course no more gym may mean no more classes together, but the future will tell. I probably won't see you much this summer because I'll be away at Governor's School. Have a great summer! See you next year!

'87

Forever friends,  
Patty Painter



Hi Bigbottom!

You know I wouldn't have done that if you didn't want me to. I never knew you before this year even though I had heard alot about you from Melissa Russell. Nothing she said was true. You're really a sweet guy, unless you're in a good mood, and I'm not. You've been alot of help to me with all my problems I don't know what I would have done without you. (Probably would have lived a peaceful life this year) But anyway. Stay Sweet, and since you know where I live you can come see me. Keep in touch over the summer. We see ya next year, if not sooner.

Love Ya!  
Melis.

























Dee,  
You are a nice  
my and friend.  
hope to see you next  
year. friends  
Michelle always  
wishon

Dear  
Dee  
he is a nice  
friend



